

Hyde Park United

A PUBLICATION OF THE HYDE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Trevor Eade, President



Hello everyone, and Happy Valentines Day!

BRRR – it's been cold!! I hope you have all taken the necessary precautions of taking care of the four "Ps" – Pets, Pipes, Plants & People!

Well, the new Board of Directors is settling in, and held our first membership meeting in January at the Grace Lutheran Church, and while we were all a little apprehensive, I think it went well and would like to thank everyone who came and supported us, it means so much to us.

During the meeting lots of creative ideas came from the membership, and we do intend to follow-up on many of these ideas. These include having discussions with Single Stream Recycling to find out when Hyde Park will be part of their service route.

Keeping our neighborhood clean was a common request from the meeting, so we will be hosting a "Spring Cleaning" event during early springtime. To ensure this event and others are well managed and successful, the Board of Directors has plans to create a "Social Committee" – more about the committee is included in this newsletter. This committee will work on the "National Night Out" event held later on in the year, and it is my goal to really step this up for 2011, and get a lot more involvement from the community, both residents and businesses.

Facebook users...we have a Group page! Yes, it is true...go search "Hyde Park Civic Associa-

tion" and you'll find us. I am delighted that this has already taken off, with lots of interaction and updates not only from the committees but residents too.

I spent January meeting some really tremendous people connected with the Civic Association – there are so many people dedicated to our neighborhood. One of the individuals I met was Officer Wayne Pate from the HPD neartown storefront. Officer Pate has committed to be a speaker at a future membership meeting – he will discuss his top tips for keeping our homes safe while traveling. He has some great stories.

The February Membership meeting is scheduled for February 7, and starts at 7:15pm sharp. George Sroka will be leading this meeting... so I ask that you please take the time to stop by and show your support.

Finally, I would like to thank our resident of the Month, Stephen Hill for all his hard work during the holiday season. He was the guy you may have seen on a regular basis making sure the Christmas tree was looking beautiful. Thanks, Stephen!

Regards,

Trevor Eade
President@hydeparkunited.org

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Join your neighbors under the group Hyde Park United Civic Association - it's a great way to connect with each other, find out about the latest news and share comments and suggestions.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

December 2010 • Reported by Kathy Schipper

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Description of Problem</u> | <u>Date/Time</u> | <u>311</u> | <u>Police</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|------------|---|
| Trash can stolen. | 1415 Hyde Park Blvd. #B | Need replacement garbage can (serial # 00240424). Note: there have been past reports of thieves using trash cans to transport stolen goods. Please call police immediately (911) if you notice someone pushing a trash can on a non-scheduled pickup day. | Dec 11 2010 | Yes | Yes 713-884-3131 Case # 1776 6181 0 |
| Attempted break-in. | 1523 Maryland | Homeowner found a screwdriver that was used in attempt to gain entry through a security gate. The person was not seen and they were not successful. The screwdriver was given to police. | Jan 11 2011 | No | Yes 713-884-3131 |

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MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2011

January 2011 • Submitted by Macy Bodenhamer, Secretary

INTRODUCTION AND OFFICER REPORTS

The January 2011 meeting of the Hyde Park United (HPU) Civic Association was held at Grace Lutheran Church on Monday, January 3.

Hyde Park United President Trevor Eade opened the meeting. Trevor announced the new Hyde Park United Civic Association Facebook page and inquired about Facebook activity among the residents in attendance.

Introductions of the new 2011 board members were made, along with recognition of past board members, block captains and other volunteers' efforts, followed by the introduction of residents. The December Treasurer's report was submitted by 2010 Treasurer Carlos Fernandez and approved. Carlos also provided a membership update, announcing that the year's membership goal of 175 exceeded with a closing membership count of 198, the highest on record. Carlos explained that the increase is likely due to mailed reminders of membership renewal dates, our newsletter, eblasts, word of mouth, annual events, and our new Citizens on Patrol program.

Alice McCarthy, outgoing 2010 membership committee chair, recommended expanding our e-communication to residents and block captain communication to neighbors to continue membership increase. Trevor announced that HPU is seeking a new membership committee chair and called for volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Former HPU President Allyson Wilkinson provided a deed restrictions committee update, mentioning concern about new construction at the corner of Willard and Van Buren. Allyson stated that there is no set-back ordinance on Willard. Former HPU Vice President Cyn-

thia Greenwood mentioned that residents can take action to put ordinances in place on streets where they do not currently exist. The deed restrictions committee regularly track city permits through publicly available plat summary reports. Suggestions were made to share the report links with others interested in reviewing.

Cynthia provided an update on the Citizens on Patrol neighborhood watch program, sharing that we have 20 current residents actively patrolling. She mentioned that another COP training session with HPD may be coordinated in February for other residents interested in joining the program. Those interested should email president@hydeparkunited.org.

Trevor then opened the floor asking residents for their 2011 priorities and concerns. Suggestions included updating the HPU website, cleaning up street litter, holding block parties on streets where traffic and speeding are concerns, and better communication about the city's 3-1-1 helpline services. The desire for the city's new single-stream recycling program was also mentioned; Allyson noted that a request for this program coming to HPU was made in December.

Trevor announced that HPU is seeking a new newsletter editor and called for volunteers.

Resident Kathy Schipper provided an update on her efforts to spay and neuter the feral cat colony at California and Yoakum. Through her work, more than \$600 was collected for the program, working with SNAP. Cats are available for adoption as country barn animals to serious and caring adopters.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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PIP REPORT

January 2011 • Reported by Kathy Schipper

Asst. Chief Vicki King spoke about the two local organizations that benefit HPD: the 100 Club and the Houston Police Foundation (HPF).

The 100 Club is better-known in the community and was established in 1953 when 100 men, each contributing \$100, wanted to help the families of officers killed in the line of duty.

The HPF is a 501c3 set up to provide necessary equipment not funded by the City budget. For example, the HPF plans to purchase Tactical Medical First Aid Kits: estimated cost for 500 officers is \$100,000. Officers frequently encounter traumatic wounds suffered by people injured in traffic collisions or through contact with violent suspects. It is during incidents such as these, or where an officer or citizen may be injured and losing blood at a life-threatening rate, and EMS personnel may not be able to enter the scene, that providing life saving training and first aid kits could mean the difference between life and death.

To raise funds for these worthy projects, HPF hosts an annual gala at Tilman Fertitta's home (5-10K per table) and a Moonlight Bike Ride (for everyone else). The ride begins at the downtown Aquarium and proceeds along the length of Memorial Drive – depending on your stamina, the ride is anywhere from 5-25 miles in length. Last year there were over 1517 riders. Next date: Friday June 3, 2011. Cost: \$25.

To support the HPF, call 713-651-3122 or visit www.houstonpolicefoundation.com.

Please report concerns or questions online to the 802 Westheimer Storefront using this email address: centralpatrol1district@cityofhouston.net. The Storefront will also use this address to send out e-mail messages and alerts regarding recent criminal activity.

HPD again asked that people who want to report suspected criminal activity to contact the HPD Dispatch Line (713/884-3131). As a reminder, please report or fax to the Storefront, non-emergency complaints or problems utilizing the Central District One PIP "Citizen Complaint Form",

Neighborhood Crime Report • November 2010

| Activity | Street/Block | Premises | Date/Time |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Burglary | 1500-1599 Vermont | Residence/House | 11/03 03pm |
| | 1200-1299 Bonar | Residence/House | 11/09 08am |
| | 2600-2699 Waugh | Residence/House | 11/14 05pm |
| | 1100-1199 Westheimer | Apartment | 11/16 05pm |
| Auto Theft | 2000-2099 C'wealth | Condominium | 11/28 06am |
| | 1400-1499 Maryland | Road/Street/Sidewalk | 11/04 04pm |
| | 2000-2099 C'wealth | Driveway | 11/05 09pm |
| | 2500-2599 Montrose | Apartment Parking Lot | 11/21 08pm |
| | 1100-1199 Peden | Road/Street/Sidewalk | 11/25 01am |
| Theft | 2600-2699 Yupon | Driveway | 11/27 12am |
| | 1300-1399 Bonar | Road/Street/Sidewalk | 11/01 07am |
| | 2000-2099 Waugh | Road/Street/Sidewalk | 11/04 02am |
| | 1300-1399 Fairview | Residence/House | 11/04 08pm |
| | 2000-2099 Montrose | Other Parking Lot | 11/05 03pm |
| | 1400-1499 Westheimer | Road/Street/Sidewalk | 11/06 06pm |
| | 1400-1499 Westheimer | Bar/Nightclub Parking Lot | 11/06 10pm |
| | 1100-1199 Welch | Residence/House | 11/07 10pm |
| | 1200-1299 Fairview | Road/Street/Sidewalk | 11/08 07am |
| | 1400-1499 Westheimer | Bar/Nightclub | 11/11 11pm |
| | 1200-1299 Willard | Road/Street/Sidewalk | 11/14 11pm |
| | 1100-1199 Welch | Residence/House | 11/14 11am |
| | 1100-1199 Peden | Residence/House | 11/15 12pm |
| | 1300-1399 Bonar | Residence/House | 11/17 03pm |
| | 1100-1199 Welch | Commercial Parking Lot | 11/19 10pm |
| 1400-1499 California | Construction Site | 11/25 12am | |
| 2400-2499 Yorkum | Road/Street/Sidewalk | 11/26 10pm | |
| 2600-2699 Yupon | Bar/Nightclub Parking Lot | 11/26 11pm | |
| 1400-1499 Maryland | Residence/House | 11/27 02am | |
| 1400-1499 Westheimer | Road/Street/Sidewalk | 11/30 06pm | |

a copy of which is available on our website. Fax the form to HPD Storefront: (713) 284-8616

The purpose of PIP (Positive Interaction Program) is to facilitate an exchange of information between the Houston Police Department (HPD) and neighborhood residents, using monthly community meetings as a forum. Hyde Park United falls within the boundary of the Central Patrol/District One PIP Group and meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited (and encouraged) to attend the meetings, which are held at the Police Officers Union Bldg, 1602 State St. **The next PIP meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23.**

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HYDE PARK FERAL CATS NEED HELP!!! FEBRUARY 2011

Submitted by Kathy Schipper

As reported in a previous edition of this newsletter, there are two colonies of feral cats living at the now defunct Chance's Bar and Mary's Lounge on Westheimer. Of the 20 cats, two have been spayed and one neutered. Three more have developed a taste for Chicken of the Sea and will soon take a trip to the vet.

To date, we've raised more than \$800 for the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP). The kitties are caught using humane traps, "fixed" and returned to the bars. Additionally, they receive basic vaccinations, an anti-parasitic injection that lasts three months and one dose of flea control.

A special round of applause is order for the following individuals in recognition of their outstanding generosity: Sherin Bual, Camille Bogel, Beth Cunningham, Cynthia Greenwood, Sharon Lord, Hollis

Powell, Eric and Kathy Warren - and to Bill Pesota for the food! You guys ROCK!

If anyone is still interested in donating to this special fund, please send a check to:

SNAP
"Montrose Bar Cats"
PO Box 70286
Houston, TX 77270



Hyde Park United Volunteers Needed!

The Board of Directors are seeking a to fill a variety of committee positions. We're looking for self-motivated individuals who have a passion for our wonderful neighborhood.

We are looking for a self-starter to come on board as the Membership Chairperson. This individual works directly with the Board of Directors to find ways of growing and maintaining the membership. If you are interested, please email President@hydeparkunited.org explaining why you would like to take on this role.

One of the goals of the Board is to improve upon the social gatherings and events for residents of the Hyde Park neighborhood; therefore we are going to need a team of committed individuals who (preferable) have some event planning experience to help organize events including, 'National Night Out' the annual Holiday party, and a couple other events the Board are considering. This is going to be a fun and creative committee to be involved with! If you are interested in joining this committee, please send an email to President@hydeparkunited.org expressing your interest, plus include any experience you may have in event planning.

Resident of the Month



Name: Stephen Hill
Street: Hyde Park Blvd.
Occupation: Training Manager for a local law firm; Owner of Eadenhill Design
How long have you resided here? 4 yrs
Favorite activities: Travel, Interior Design, Shopping
What do you like most about living in our neighborhood?
I love the diversity, and also the artistic element. Neighbors are not just people you happened to live close to, they become friends and treasured members of your family. I enjoy being a part of this, as well as being a custodian of the legacy in one of Houston's oldest neighborhoods.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HPU meets the first Monday of every month!!!!



Monday, February 7
Recycling pick up

Tuesday, February 8
Junk Waste pick up

Sunday, February 13
Deadline for March newsletter content. Email content to newsletter@hydeparkunited.org

Monday, February 14
VALENTINE'S DAY

Monday, February 21
President's Day
Recycling pick up

Monday, March 7
HPU Civic Association Meeting, 7:15pm
at Grace Lutheran Church

Wednesday, February 2
Groundhog Day

Thursday, February 3
Chinese New Year

Monday, February 7
HPU Civic Association Meeting, 7:15pm
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BEATRICE KANE CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY



On February 21st, Hyde Park resident Beatrice Kane will celebrate her 100th birthday with family and close friends. Ten years ago, she moved to our central-Houston neighborhood coming from Ohio where she was born and raised in Amsterdam, a small coal mining community.

Beatrice has seen and experienced many things during her lifetime. Her philosophy is to never stop learning and do her best even when faced with adversity. As a young child, Beatrice lost her mother as a result of an accidental fire. Later, while in high school and being the oldest of the children, she had to leave school without her diploma to get a job that helped support the family.

When the crash of 1929 came, at age 18, she lost her job and had to leave home to seek alternative employment in the larger city of Cleveland, Ohio. There she was hired as a domestic and she was responsible for house keeping duties and keeping track of the children. In Cleveland she met Joseph Konieczynski, and in time, Bea and Joe were married. In 1936, they had their first child, Robert.

Bea and Joe worked hard, saved what they could and, about the time Pearl Harbor was bombed and America entered World War II, they purchased a house in Euclid, a suburb of Cleveland. After the war ended, Bea and Joe had a second child, a son named Richard. However, the baby had a medical condition and Bea was not able to take her new baby home. A year later, at great risk to her own life, Bea tried again and this time she gave birth to a son, Russell.

After Robert was grown and married, and Russell was in high school, Bea and Joe decided to go to night school in an effort to get their high school diplomas. However, they were not able to jointly achieve their goal as Joe succumbed to cancer. In time, Beatrice found inspiration in a book by Eleanor Roosevelt and decided that she had to find a new life on her own. In 1967, the same year that her youngest son Russell graduated from high school, Beatrice also received her high school diploma as valedictorian of her class.

Since then, Bea worked in the Euclid School food service and traveled extensively visiting all but one of the United States. As a result of an Alaskan cruise taken with her daughter-in-law Delia, Bea has now been to all fifty states. Beatrice is also a master quilter with many honors and has quilting-buddies in far away places like Australia, Brazil and Japan.

In 2001, Beatrice sold her home of sixty years in Euclid, Ohio and moved to Houston where she now lives as a Hyde Park resident and is working on her memoirs.

*Happy 100th Birthday Beatrice from your
Hyde Park friends and neighbors!*



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Sunday
12:00 Noon — 9:30 p.m.

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HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Sanitation Schedule, February 2011

Garbage & Yard Trimming Collection:

Every Monday (except holidays)

Recycling:

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Our new recycling day is MONDAY.

The following is the schedule for February, March and April:

| | | |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| February 7 | March 8 | April 4 |
| February 21 | March 22 | April 18 |

Heavy Trash:

Is picked up the 2nd Tuesday of every month, however months alternate between "Tree Waste" and "Junk Waste":

February 8- Junk Waste
March 8- Tree Waste
April 12- Junk Waste

Please note- Your automated container and recycling bin should be at your curb by 7am and be removed by 10pm on your collection day. If it appears it may rain, do not put out your newspapers (they will be picked up but cannot be recycled).

Glass is not accepted curbside. You may bring glass to the Westpark Consumer Recycling Center or to one of the drop off sites that accept glass- Sunbeam, Kirkpatrick or Lawndale and on Center St. @ Harvard past Washington Ave.

If you do not have a recycle bin and would like to participate in the City's recycling program, please call 3-1-1 to order one.

If you are interested in looking at the city's recycling schedule yourself, or need to know what materials are accepted for curbside recycling go to

www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/77006.html.

DON'T FORGET! HPU meets the first Monday of every month!!!!

HYDE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Did you know that there are more than 1,100 households in our neighborhood, yet less than 20% are members of our civic association? Please help support your community by officiating your membership. The Hyde Park United Civic Association is a 501c(4) not-for-profit organization, and thus relies solely on donations, contributions and membership dues to fund its neighborhood and civic activities. Donations are not tax-deductible.

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E-mail: _____

Community Interests/Concerns: _____

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