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MARCH 2017

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Letter from the President

Stay informed about city issues and preserving our neighborhood



Hey Hyde Parkers!

Happy Spring to all residents in our fair neighborhood. Before the year gets away from us, remember to

renew your annual membership if you haven't already. And if you haven't yet joined, there is still time. See the form inside this newsletter on page 6 or pay via PayPal at hydeparkhouston.org.

PRESERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

As more development encroaches upon Hyde Park and stretches our infrastructure further, our Deed Restrictions Committee and other key committed volunteers work to preserve properties from diminishing lot size through Chapter 42 protection with the city. Many thanks to volunteer **Delia Cuellar** for her long-standing efforts and leadership to increase Ch. 42 protection and kudos to **Deed Restrictions Committee Member Mike McKann** for joining

in this work. To find out how you can help, see the article on page 5.

MEET MAYOR PRO TEM ELLEN COHEN ON MARCH 6

Join us at Rudyard's on Monday, March 6 at 6:30pm to hear Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen share what's happening with city affairs. She'll summarize priorities and answer questions from the audience.

LEARN ABOUT THE CITY'S 311 HELPLINE ON APRIL 3

On Monday, April 3, representatives from 311 will speak at our regular first Monday of the month meeting. Learn about how this service works, the best ways to submit reports, and follow issues to resolution. Find more info on page 3.

If you have a suggested topic for a guest speaker to address, contact me at president@hydeparkhouston.org. I'd love to hear from you! Meantime, enjoy the spring season and all that Hyde Park has to offer.

Cheers,
Macy Bodenhamer

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24/7 Montrose Management
District Security Patrol (832) 370-9191
Dial 311 for City Helpline

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings, Rudyard's British Pub:
MAR. 6, Mon., 6:30PM, Guest Speaker Ellen Cohen, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Houston.
UPDATE: This month's guest speaker is postponed until further notice. HPCA General Meeting will take place.
APR. 3, Mon., 6:30PM, Guest Speakers 311 Helpline representatives, City of Houston.

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HPCA Guest Speaker
March 6
MARCH GUEST SPEAKER: POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Rudyard's, 6:30pm

Mayor Pro Tem

HPCA February 2017 Meeting Minutes

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of any changes in contact information.**

The February Hyde Park Civic Association general meeting was held on Monday, February 6th, at Rudyard's Pub. **President Macy Bodenhamer** opened the meeting at 6:35pm by welcoming all of the attendees and going through the regular business agenda. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Treasurer Veronica Faubert then presented the Treasurer's report. The January balance opened at \$16,564.27 and closed at \$16,490.55. Revenue consisted of advertising and membership income and expenses included regular monthly fees along with an annual Insurance payment.

Membership Committee Chair Helen Zunka proceeded to give a membership update stating that Hyde Park will be hosting a happy hour at Hay Merchant on February 21st from 6PM to 8PM. This happy hour is open to the public but anyone renewing his or her membership or singing up as a new member that night will get a free drink.

One member inquired as to why the free drink can't be extended to all

members and Bodenhamer explained that our association does not have unlimited funds to sponsor free drinks for everyone, unfortunately. This happy hour is a collaborative effort to try to attract new members since we only have 70 this year but it is also to encourage people to attend and get to know neighbors.

Board Director and Deed Restrictions Committee Member Mike McKann followed with a deed restrictions update. Activity had slowed during the month of January. He let everyone know that they should contact him if interested in making their block deed restricted because it only takes one person on that block to make a request.

The board seeks to fill the open secretary position. Interested volunteers should contact Roy Brooks at volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org.

The next HPCA meeting will be held on Monday, March 6th with guest speaker, Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen.

The meeting concluded at 7:50pm.

Submitted by Veronica Faubert, acting secretary

TRASH PICKUP AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE 2017

TRASH/RECYCLING:

SINGLE STREAM: ...Mar 13, 27.

TREE WASTE:Mar 1,

.....May 3,

.....July 5.

HEAVY/JUNK:Apr 5,

.....Jun 7.

Note: The City of Houston Recycling program NO LONGER accepts GLASS in the Green Curbside Recycling Program. Glass is accepted at the drop site at the Washington Ave Salvation Army Family Store & Donation Center and also at the North Main Neighborhood Depository, 9003 N Main, Houston, TX 77022.

NEWSLETTER: Please submit all material for April 2017 consideration by midnight, Wednesday, March 22, 2017 to newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org

Come Hear the 411 On 311

On Monday, April 3, representatives from the City of Houston 311 Helpline will serve as guest speakers at the Hyde Park Civic Association monthly meeting. Join at 6:30pm at our gracious host, Rudyard's Pub, on the second floor. Learn more about how this city service works and ask questions about the process.

311 Houston Service Helpline is a consolidated call center designed

to make city government more user-friendly and responsive by providing citizens with a one telephone number to call for information on city services and to report non-emergency concerns. From traffic fines and sewer concerns to pothole problems and neighborhood complaints, Houstonians can call 311 and speak to an agent 24/7. Reports can be submitted anonymously. If you submit a report while logged in,

the city will provide a tracking number so you can follow the next steps.

Even better, download the 311 mobile app, which will geo-locate your location for easier reporting. It allows for upload of photos, and also features a map of nearby reported issues.

Examples of issues to report via 311 include:

- Graffiti
- Street light / traffic light issues
- Potholes
- Drainage issues, including standing water hazards
- Trash or recycling issues
- Dead animals
- Dumping
- Illegally parked cars
- Birth and death certificates
- Code violations
- Lamar Park issues
- Neighborhood nuisances

Learn more at <http://www.houstontx.gov/311/>.

Email at 311@houstontx.gov.

Issues not resolved or continuously recurrent should be emailed to president@hydeparkhouston.org. Provide the tracking number for your report, so that it can be escalated.

Submitted by Macy Bodenhamer, president

The City of Houston 311 service can be accessed via the web, mobile app or phone call. Pothole FAQs can be found on the website. Images source: <http://www.houstontx.gov/311/>

HOUSTON 311 HELP & INFO



CITY OF HOUSTON
311
HELP & INFO

Having difficulty entering an address on the online service request (SR) site, try the [helpful tips page](#). To access City department and online service requests, click on the categories to the left, or search the full service directory menu via the [Info Index](#).

If you don't find any category on this site for your specific service request, please email us at 311@houstontx.gov.

Click a service category below for specific information on making a 311 service request:

 Animals and Pets	 Business	 City Gov, Elections, and Records
 Employment and Education	 Garbage, Recycling, and Graffiti	 Health, Safety, and Social Services
 Licensing, Permits, Fees, Fines, Taxes	 Neighborhoods, Property, and Construction	 Parks and Trees
 Recreation and Event Planning	 Traffic, Streets, and Drainage	 Utilities Water, Sewer, Electric, Gas ...

POTHOLE	PUNCHOUT	FAULTING	LOCALIZED PAVEMENT FAILURE
			
<p>Area of missing or severely deteriorated pavement up to 25 sqft Go to Pothole FAQs</p>	<p>Localized area of concrete pavement broken into pieces, <i>now a pothole</i> Go to Pothole FAQs</p>	<p><i>Faulting</i> is the difference in elevation across a joint Go to Not a Pothole</p>	<p>Area of cracked, broken, sunken pavement ranging in size and shape Go to Not a Pothole</p>

DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter 42 can be used by residents to manage development within the neighborhood and promote the safe, orderly and healthful development of the city? It provides additional resources for neighborhoods to manage their future and increase opportunity for single-family residential.

If you want to learn more, please contact deedrestrictionschair@gmail.com.

Find the complete listing of Codes of Ordinances on the City of Houston website at <http://www.houstontx.gov/codes/>

Submitted by Chris Delphin, vice-president

HPCA Guest

Speaker March 6

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER: POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Hyde Park, 8:30pm



Mayor Pro Tem

Ellen Claitor

HYDE PARK *needs a* SECRETARY

HPCA is seeking a **SECRETARY** for its Board! The Secretary keeps a record of Board and Membership meetings, and maintains a list of all members entitled to vote. Because the Secretary is required to attend both Board and Membership meetings, the position requires about a four hour monthly commitment.

Please send Roy Brooks, volunteer coordinator, an email: volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org with any questions or ideas you may have.

KINDRED + CANVAS are joining together to host a public act of worship as we begin the season of Lent which explores the contrast of life, death, and the grey areas in between. It's a season where we can be honest about our frailty, our questions, and our bold hope in the midst of these mysteries. This will be a simple evening to experience poetry, song, prayer, and promise. We'll receive the mark of the cross in ashes on our foreheads to remind us that all at once our lives are temporal yet also transformed beyond the dust.

Submitted by Rev. Ashley Dellagiacoma

ASHES
IN THE
PARK

3.1.17
LAMAR PARK
AT 6:30PM

CANVAS + KINDRED

Call for Action

Chapter 42 Minimum Lot Size Ordinance:

A City of Houston Ordinance that establishes the minimum size a lot can be based on the average size of lots on a blockface.

Our spirits were high and we anticipated a ruling in our favor. Some residents from W. Drew sat comfortably in the public meeting of the Houston Planning Commission ready to speak in support of their application. The petitions and signatures were gathered and we met all qualifications of the **Chapter 42 Minimum Lot Size Ordinance.**

To date, 16 blockfaces in Hyde Park have been preserved by this City ordinance and we thought this would be another success story. It had been a hasty process of gathering support for this petition due to the imminent sale of two vacant lots to a developer.

Imagine our disbelief when, after a brief discussion, the Commission voted against us in favor of the builder to allow him to subdivide the two lots

to accommodate 4 townhomes. What had happened? We just sat there not believing what had transpired. We slowly filed out of the meeting room crest fallen.

Days later we reviewed the discussions from the Commissioners and surmised that:

- Misleading information was given to the commissioners by the Builder to cast doubt on our level of support
- The City Planner that had worked on our behalf had erred in the date that our application appeared online
- Even though the petition could have been granted with the understanding that the builder could still construct his townhouses, one commissioner felt this would have posed a hardship in time to the builder

The lesson here is that Hyde Park properties need to seek Chapter 42 Lot Size protection straight away before the builders get involved. The process is not difficult and all it takes is a few residents on a block willing to help with a petition. If your block has at least 5 lots in it and if at least 80% are single-family residences (a townhome IS considered a single-family residence) you may qualify for protection.

Let's start the discussion now and not after you see a builder start cutting up a lot to build densely packed townhomes next to you. Contact the Hyde Park Deed Restriction Committee at: deedrestrictions@hydeparkhouston.org

*Submitted by
Delia Isabel Cuellar
Mike McKann, deed restrictions committee*



45TH BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP REGATTA MARCH 11, 2017

PRESENTED BY GILLMAN SUBARU

More info: <http://buffalobayou.org/event/45th-annual-buffalo-bayou-partnership-regatta/>

RACE DAY INFORMATION:

Starting Line: 7700 San Felipe (just west of Voss)

Finish Line: Sesquicentennial Park (500 block of Preston)

SCHEDULE:

7:30 am: Regatta packet pick-up and day-of registration at San Felipe and Voss

9:00 am: Race begins

11:00 am: Free finish line festivities at Sesquicentennial Park: live zydeco music, rock climbing wall, food and drinks available for purchase
1:00 pm: Awards ceremony
2:00 pm: Regatta and festivities end

Racers: On-line registration closes March 9. Register by March 7 for advance packet pick-up & official time keeping

A grand prize will be given to the Styrofoam Cup winner, the boat that collects the most trash!

March is here and it's time to be Irish

I certainly hope everyone has put away their Christmas decorations and the red hearts from Valentines. It is almost St. Patrick's Day and time for shamrocks, soda bread, Irish coffee, Irish beer and whiskey or just plain green water.

Most importantly it's time to learn about **Constant Billy**. I know some of you know who that is but some may not. Constant Billy are our very own Hyde Park musical group, consisting of **Emily Standish** and **Bill Galbraith**. As described on their web page: "Take the traditional music of Britain and Ireland. Shake and stir in a little rock and a bit of absurdity. Top it off with intricate vocal harmonies, guitar, ten whistle, recorder and Irish bouzouki. Simmer in the

unique creativity of Bill and Emily. Add a dash of hilarious between-songs banter. And what do you end up with? Well, stuff you just don't hear every day: fabAcoustiCeltic!!!"

I know you want to hear them so here are some ways in March:

- Get a jump on St. Patrick's Day with the musical wizardry of Constant Billy. Saturday March 4th 2017 from 6:30-8:30pm at EQ Heights! EQ Heights is located at 1030 Heights Boulevard in Houston, just south of 11th Street in the Houston Heights, a few minutes' drive from Hyde Park. No cover charge – we'll pass the hat. Free parking! They have great food and coffee, and now serve beer and wine also. Call (713) 434-6923 for info. Some great new songs and some really old songs for you



Hyde Park musicians Emily Standish and Bill Galbraith of Constant Billy.

to sing along. Begosh and begorrah!

- Saturday March 11th and March 18th, 2017, 6-7pm, Emily & Bill host the *Irish Aires* radio show at Houston's KPFT 90.1FM. Best music EVER. No on-air squabbling.

No excuses for not experiencing this Hyde Park, Irish group in March. You won't be disappointed. You will be excused from eating soda bread because I have found it hard to find and I certainly am not going to make it.

With this early spring, it is also time to walk the neighborhood and enjoy the many blooming plants. Our Mountain Laurel has exploded with purple flowers and I have seen yellow, white and red flowers everywhere. Now is the time to Hyde Out.

Your local civic association needs YOU!

Only about 10% of residents are civic association members. If you're not one of them, please consider joining for just \$30/year. And if you haven't renewed your membership for 2017, please do so. Use the form above or just go to our website to pay through PayPal. Memberships fund the cost of printing this newsletter, help maintain Lamar Park and more.

We need your support and welcome your involvement!

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Hyde Park Civic Association Annual Membership

Yes, I would like to support my local neighborhood association

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If purchasing Couples Membership

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Total Amount to Pay \$ _____

Check No.: _____ Date Paid: _____



HPCA Membership Drive Happy Hour

February 21, 2017 The Hay Merchant

Photos by Sara Fernandez

Hyde Park Civic Association held its first happy hour of the year at **The Hay Merchant** on Tuesday, February 21 from 6 to 8 pm. Around 20 Hyde Park residents came to enjoy drinks, food and socializing with neighbors. Thank you to membership co-chair, **Helen Zunka**, for coordinating the event and The Hay Merchant for providing a private room and free drinks for all new members that signed up that night! Help us to continue to be able to bring you events like this by joining or renewing your membership today! It's \$30 per person and \$60 per couple. You can pay via PayPal on our website, by check via mail, or by check/credit card at our monthly meetings with the membership form on page 6.

Submitted by Veronica Faubert, treasurer, acting secretary



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MORE HYDE PARK VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

This committee works to enhance, maintain, and restore the beauty of Hyde Park. Work may include planting flowers, trees, and potentially establishing public gardens, decorating and improving Hyde Park's public landscape. The committee is also charged with designating a neighborhood "Yard of the Month" in addition to educating and engaging residents in beautification, public art, and clean-up projects.

CITIZENS ON PATROL COORDINATOR

Citizens on Patrol "was established in an effort to bring the citizens and the police department together for a common goal, and that is to improve the quality of life by eliminating crime." Its goal is to reduce crime while also making Hyde Park a friendlier place and encouraging crime awareness. The coordinator oversees the training as well as the reports of patrollers.

Please send Roy Brooks, volunteer coordinator, an email: volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org with any questions or ideas

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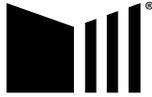
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	5 HPCA GENERAL MEETING	6 JUNK WASTE 1 ASHES IN LAMAR PARK 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday	7	8	9	10
11	12 RECYCLING	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Daylight Saving Time Begins Full Moon	20	21	22	23	24 St. Patrick's Day
25	26 RECYCLING	27	28	29	30	31
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