



## Letter from the President




Howdy Hyde Park,

Hope all is well! I don't know what to do with this wacky winter weather! But it is a constant to living in Houston to lack constantly pleasing weather! Hopefully, y'all were able to enjoy decent weather at the HPCA Happy Hour at The Phoenix on January 21st. If you couldn't join the festivities, check out the photo from the event in these pages. The group had a

pretty good time and maybe that will incentivize you to join us for our next Happy Hour.

## Outcomes of the January General Meeting

There were some great ideas for speakers for the civic association. Members suggested that we focus on environmental quality for Hyde Park and the greater Houston area. We may not be able to get a representative from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, but maybe we can get one of the watchdogs that report on their ability to enforce environmental rules to speak about the recent spate of industrial accidents and what it means for our air and water quality. We will also work to get speakers from the Harris County Constable's Office and Bike Houston to talk about various livability issues for our neighborhood. Given the changes happening around the area, I liked the

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## This Month

### > Civic Association Meeting

Speaker from Montrose TIRZ: Sherry Weesner

Feb 4th @ 7pm Rudyard's Upstairs

### > HPCA Happy Hour

February 19 @ 5:30pm

Bar 006 - Downstairs of Rosemont  
2750 Grant St.

Free drink and heavy bites for Hyde Park Residents.

## Next Month

### > Civic Association Meeting

Speaker TBD

Mar 3rd @ 7pm Rudyard's Upstairs

### > Neighborhood Clean Up

March 28th @ 9am-11am

Details Coming Soon!

## President's Letter *continued*

idea of bringing in the developer of the former Theo's space that will house the Houston Public Library and a representative of the library to talk about the impact the development will have on the neighborhood.

### February General Meeting

Our upcoming February meeting will feature a guest speaker from the Montrose Tax-Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ), re-scheduled from our August meeting. As I mentioned in August, there has been a lot going on with the TIRZ over the last year. One thing in the works is a nine-month long Livable Centers Study that should start this month. The study is intended to give long-range guidance on mobility projects, economic development and other improvements and will be used by the TIRZ board of directors to guide funding decisions and support grant applications. I hope you can join the meeting on February 4th at 7 pm. We meet upstairs at Rudyard's, so get there early to grab some food and a drink.

We are trying to get District C City Council member Elect Abbie Kamin to speak at our April meeting. Keep sending your ideas for future presenters to [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org).

### What's Going On

We have postponed our membership drive to February. If you are on our Facebook page, then you will likely see the posts. Please consider joining the civic association if you are not already a member. **You can join on our website or page 5 has a form you can return by mail.**

### Call for Volunteers

We are in desperate need of volunteers for the organization. If you have any time to give, please consider getting involved on the Board or in one of the other volunteer positions. Feel free to reach out to any of us if you are interested. If you have any interest in these positions, please contact me at [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org).

See ya,

Chris Delphin, President

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## January HPCA Meeting Recap

*Submitted by Ellen Pollard*

The meeting of January 7, 2020 was called to order by **Chris Delphin** at 7:00pm. Our speaker from Pacifica Radio was not able to attend. So far this year the speakers we have lined up or hope to line up will be:

*Feb — a representative from TIRZ.*

*Mar — a representative to discuss the Census.*

*Apr — Abbie Kamin (our new council member for District C).*

*May — a representative from Pacifica Radio.*

Some suggestions for speakers/topics were brought up this evening. Ideas included school crossings at Commonwealth and Michigan (2 blocks from the school but no crossing guards), the new Montrose library, Al Rosen, the Census, and new bike lanes. If you have something you want to hear about, please let the board know.

**Treasurer's Report** — We currently have \$10,435.21 in our treasury. \$10,000 of that money is in escrow and cannot be touched. Kwik Kopy cashed November and December checks in December. The holiday party included gratuity and a discrepancy over the estimated number and actual number of attendees. We discussed our money being so low and how to remedy that. We need more advertisers and more members. The board had already discussed people going out in teams to solicit additional advertisers. If you would like to be part of this, please email [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org). Carlos Fernandez mentioned that we have a new advertiser—Methodist Hospital. Their ad first appeared in the January issue of the newsletter. We appreciate them.

**Deed Restrictions** — **Mike McKann** stated that a letter was sent to an AirBnB owners and they have 30 days to respond. We haven't heard

anything back yet. According to our deed restrictions, short term rental properties are not allowed in Hyde Park properties. A tree was saved on Bomar Street and we are hoping it will continue to do well. A new home on Jackson is being built and the owner has contacted our Deed Restriction Committee to ask about the restrictions. Mike said the builder was cooperative and plans will be submitted for approval.

**Membership** — We would like our membership to grow. To date we have 48 paid members for 2020. A suggestion was made to have Business Members. If you are a business member, your business name would appear in a list in every newsletter. The charge for this would be less than an ad but more than a regular member. The by laws would have to be amended in order to do this. A membership drive will be taking place on Face Book soon. Please see and join our wonderful group. This month Happy Hour will

be January 21st at The Phoenix. Please join us for these fun events. You would get to meet new friends and try new places. The caroling was very well attended. It was decided more family friendly events should be planned.

**Clean Up** — Tom and Mary Ellen Whitworth will have a meeting at their house to discuss the next clean up for Hyde Park and decide on a date. They have acquired vests, gloves and grabbers. They would like for this to be a quarterly event. They will coordinate some with Keep Houston Beautiful and some on our own. Places mentioned to target were the empty lot across from Kindred and the little island at California and Waugh. There is a Hyde Park sign there that is difficult to see. More news about this will be in the newsletter. Please come join us.

**Lamar Park** — We have a new committee chairman for Lamar Park. Please welcome **Melissa Zarikian**. She wants to make the park better and more usable for all residents. In the park, we pay for maintenance and the city pays for electricity. A suggestion was made to have better lighting in the park. At night, it is too dark. Another point raised was what to do about the Dolphin Fountain. The city has the cash that has already been raised- can we get that money and use it for something? If you walk through the park and see trash, please help by picking it up and putting it in the trashcan. Melissa said the trashcans are routinely emptied.

Our next Civic Club meeting will be February 4. This meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

## February Meeting Speaker Profile: Sherry F. Weesner



Sherry Weesner from Montrose TIRZ will be speaking at our February meeting. Sherry is an accomplished professional with a unique blend of public policy, project management, legislative, communications, and advocacy experience. Sherry has managed organizational affairs and shaped public policy in the areas of sustainable economic development, government relations, and community services to achieve mission objectives and influence key public and government officials.

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Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Location
Assault	12/3/19 17:00	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
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Breaking & Entering	12/8/19 3:00	900 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Property Crime	12/1/19 2:00	2600 Block COMMONWEALTH
Theft	12/4/19 17:00	2500 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Theft	12/22/19 20:00	2700 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Theft from Vehicle	11/27/19 15:00	900 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from Vehicle	12/2/19 14:00	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from Vehicle	12/2/19 15:00	1200 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from Vehicle	12/6/19 13:00	1100 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from Vehicle	12/6/19 14:00	1400 Block CALIFORNIA ST
Theft from Vehicle	12/7/19 14:00	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from Vehicle	12/10/19 13:00	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from Vehicle	12/12/19 9:00	2000 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Theft from Vehicle	12/12/19 19:00	1100 Block JACKSON BLVD
Theft from Vehicle	12/18/19 19:00	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from Vehicle	12/19/19 1:00	1700 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Theft from Vehicle	12/20/19 23:00	1700 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Theft from Vehicle	12/27/19 0:00	1700 Block COMMONWEALTH ST



**Our friends at Montrose Grace Place are having a Black Hair Care drive for their clients to coincide with February's Black History Month. For more info, go to their website: <https://www.montrosegraceplace.org/>  
Or shop their Amazon wishlist: <http://a.co/bfN9KHQ>**

## 2020 Monthly HPCA Meeting Schedule

Submitted by Past President Macy Bodenhamer

Monthly meetings are open to the public and held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm, with the exceptions of holidays and others noted below. Rudyard's British Pub generously donates their upstairs space to host our meetings. Come early or stay late to enjoy their delicious food and beverages!

Volunteers work to secure guest speakers of general interest to the community each month. If you have a topic that you'd like to learn more about or want to suggest a guest speaker, contact [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org).

- February 4
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- June 2
- July - No meeting. Summer break.
- August 4
- September 1
- October 6 - National Night Out (?)
- November 3
- December TBD Holiday Party

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## Happy Hours at Phoenix!

On Tuesday, January 21st, 15 Hyde Park residents came together for our monthly Happy Hour at Phoenix, 1915 Westheimer. Yummy food and drinks were enjoyed by all. If you've never been before, please join us - we put Hyde Park signs on the tables so you can always find us.



## February Hyde Park Happy Hour at Bar 006

Wed, Feb. 19 - 5:30-7:30pm

**All are invited to enjoy a complimentary cocktail and heavy bites from Bar 006's new menu offerings.** Guests will also receive 'friendly neighbor' special pricing on beer, wine and other specialty cocktails. Bar 006 is a newly launched concept on the first floor of Rosemont, located on the corner of Westheimer at Montrose.

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## Note from the Editor

*Submitted by Heather Almquist*

Our beloved Mary Ellen Whitworth has taken a step back from her monthly Hyde Out submission. Her articles about the arts and cultural events in Houston served as an anchor in the creation of meaningful content for the neighborhood. For that we are very grateful! Now we must press onward. Since the newsletter is about Hyde Park and our residents, drop us a line about local activities, events, and things of interest to our neighbors. This newsletter is by and for you. We welcome your engagement and look forward to hearing from you!

## All Are Welcome at the YMCA

*Submitted by Maureen Cantu*

The Tellepsen Y downtown supports residents in Montrose, and is welcoming to everyone. The principles are Judeo Christian but EVERYONE is welcome regardless of age, sex, race, income, or orientation.

Specifically, the downtown Tellepsen Y is one of 25 centers in Greater Houston that offers social services, a food pantry, computer lab, and safety around water and youth development programs. The Y is a non partisan, humanitarian charitable organization concerned with community health and well being. The sum impact at the end of December was more than \$27 million for 700,000 people in Houston.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and sadly this is an issue greatly affecting Houston. The Y is a leader in the human trafficking coalition; They offer immigration assistance and programs to support victims of sex trafficking. There is quite a bit in the press about the Y's role in Houston which you can easily access online.

I will let you know from time to time on events or specials downtown that would pertain to our residents. Plans for 2020 include a monthly blood drive, and a spring wellness fair. I can give you the dates for those as they are arranged.

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*Submitted by Cliff Jones*

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