

HYDE PARK

APRIL 2017

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Letter from the President

Springtime Events in Hyde Park



Hiya Hyde Parkers,
Happy Spring!
This newsletter
is chock full
of details on
upcoming events

and other info, so please read on. And remember that it's only possible through the efforts of a handful of dedicated volunteers and those of you who were generous enough to join the Association. Why become a member? Read the article on page 5 to find out why.

GET THE 411 ON 311 ON APRIL 3

Come find out more about the city's **311** help line at the general meeting on Monday, April 3 at Rudyard's, 6:30pm, second floor. This city service is the first step in resolving neighborhood issues. All are invited. More on page 3.

ART CAR PARADE ON APRIL 8

Houston's funkiest art parade happens the weekend of April 8. Find out more about this event, plus other local happenings on

page 6. And kudos to resident **Mary Ellen Whitworth** for contributing regular art updates. She is always in the know!

HYDE PARK HAPPY HOUR ON APRIL 19

Join neighbors for a social gathering with half-price drinks at **Rosemont** on April 19, 5:30-7:30pm. If you haven't been to this very cool rooftop venue, come check it out. Special thanks to owner **Carson Hager** for hosting us!

MAYOR PRO TEM ELLEN COHEN RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 1

Due to an unforeseen conflict, **Cohen** had to cancel her scheduled guest speaker appearance in March. She will speak and answer questions at our May general meeting. See more details on p4.

Hope to see you around the neighborhood and at upcoming events!

Sincerely,
Macy Bodenhamer

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(832) 394-9900

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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:

APR. 3, Mon., 6:30PM, Guest Speakers 311 Helpline representatives, City of Houston.

MAY 1 Mon., 6:30PM, Guest Speaker Ellen Cohen, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Houston. RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH

JUN. 5, Mon., 6:30PM, guest speaker TBD

Other events:

APR. 19, Tues., 5:30-7:30PM, HPCA Happy Hour, Rosemont.

MAY, Volunteer Reception TBD

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FROM MARCH

**HPCA Guest
Speaker May 1**
Rudyard's, 6:30pm



**Mayor Pro Tem
Ellen Cohen**

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of any changes in contact information.**

HPCA March 2017 Meeting Minutes

Rudyardz Pub

March 6, 2017

Call to Order: 6:33 PM; in attendance:
13 members.

Vice-President Chris Delphin announced that **Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Cohen**, scheduled to present to the membership this evening, had to cancel her guest speaker appearance due to an unforeseen conflict. The HPCA has re-scheduled with Mayor Pro-Tem Cohen to present at our May general meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris announced the closing balance for February after going through the latest expenses for the previous month. Chris also recounted that we earned a little over \$200 from the California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser, and that we had around 20 members attend the last happy hour / membership drive at Hay Merchant.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

No report.

DEED RESTRICTIONS REPORT

Deed Restrictions Committee Chair Mike McKann discussed efforts by members to obtain Chapter 42 Protection for the north side block of West Drew between Van Buren and Montrose. **Cynthia Greenwood** pointed out that this particular application was different from others. The organizers obtained the requisite 52% of signatures and delivered the information to City Council; however, City Council (according to another member) didn't do due diligence on claims by a developer that they didn't receive notice and the members were

not successful with the application. Mike stated that the problem with this application was that it devolved into a race to the finish to get the required signatures, and the City was sympathetic to the developer's claim he had taken the construction loan with the understanding that he could subdivide the lots. Mike reiterated the need for members to volunteer if they want to continue efforts to obtain Chapter 42 protections for other areas within Hyde Park's boundaries.

Chris noted that a member and resident expressed some concern about a newsletter article describing the need to apply for Chapter 42 protections in our neighborhood; specifically, the member was concerned that there is a bias against townhouse developments. Chris clarified that the objective of the Board is to facilitate active engagement by the membership to advocate for the development of single family homes, whether they are townhouses, bungalows or modern houses, in Hyde Park.

MEMBERSHIP

Chair Helen Zunka announced that we currently have 139 members. We had twenty people show up at the Hay Merchant happy hour / membership drive.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Coordinator Roy Brooks announced that there is interest in re-forming the Beautification Committee and would appreciate hearing from more members about forming and working on the committee.

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NEWSLETTER: Please submit all material for May 2017 consideration by midnight, Wednesday, April 19, 2017 to newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org

April's HPCA Guest Speaker on connecting citizens with 311 and City of Houston services

Isaiah L. Monroe Jr. MA., OM., has served the citizens of Houston within the Administration and Regulatory Affairs/311 departments since 2005. Isaiah is a native Houstonian and takes great pride in connecting citizens with city services and navigating the bureaucratic maze towards customer satisfaction. He is familiar with the commercial and residential historical



HPCA April Meeting Guest Speaker, Isaiah Monroe, 311 City of Houston

climate within the boundaries of Hyde Park Civic Association. Not only is he a dedicated City Employee, but Isaiah also is an Associate Pastor for the Non-Denominational Masters Builders Christian Church, located in Sugarland Texas. Life experiences have proved Isaiah to be

an Intelligent, transformational, professional manager with solid

business development experience within diverse markets. By employing solid skill adapting management styles to meet organizational requirements, he utilizes a deep educational background when promoting productivity and efficiency, or developing strategic plans to integrate human functions within world systems. Isaiah summarizes his functions with the following statement: "I focus on driving proficiency and cohesive business approaches that enhance profitability while satisfying individual needs".

Submitted by City of Houston

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HPCA March 2017 Meeting Minutes

Roy also mentioned that he can coordinate other volunteer activities if there is any interest.

LAMAR PARK COMMITTEE

Chris stated there was no update in regards to the Park. **Bill Ellis** mentioned that it doesn't look like the membership will ever be able to raise enough money to refurbish the Dolphin Fountain and suggested that the money that has been raised should be transferred to help support the upkeep of Lamar Park. Chris took an action from the meeting for the Board to explore whether this is possible.

Roy mentioned that another option was that the fountain could be razed and a similar feature could be installed. **Alice McCarthy** mentioned that the fountain doesn't necessarily need to have a water feature and these are expensive to maintain. She wondered aloud whether we could fill the fountain with dirt and

make it a planter. The fountain actually came from a flower show, and it would be in the vein of the its origins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officer Pate mentioned that there were two incidents in the Greater Montrose area. A question was put to Officer Pate about what to do if someone leaves a dog (or any animal) in a locked car. Officer Pate stated that at any time you think officers should be contacted, go ahead and do so.

Officer Pate noted that the Police Department will host Stephen Daniel to instruct on active shooter situations the following evening at 6:30 pm at 1602 State St.

Next general meeting is April 3. 311 will present.

Adjourned at 7:21PM.

Submitted by Veronica Faubert, acting secretary

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen: HPCA Guest Speaker on May 1

Plan to attend the May 1st general meeting at Rudyard's, second floor, 6:30pm, to hear **Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen** address our community. Cohen will share priorities for the city and answer questions from the audience.

Ellen Cohen has lived, worked, and served in the city of Houston for the past 40 years. She and her late husband, Lyon, were drawn to the city for its reputation for being a place where "things were settled by a handshake" and for its unlimited possibilities. A breast cancer survivor,

Ellen began a lifetime of advocacy by organizing a network of cancer support groups. Having relocated to Houston in 1977 with Lyon and children, Marcie and Eric, Ellen served for 10 years as the Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee, and for 18 years as the CEO of the Houston Area Women's Center, working with survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

In 2006, she was elected as the Texas State Representative for District 134. After serving two terms

in the Texas State Legislature, Ellen continued her public service career at home by running for Houston City Council. She was sworn into office



in January 2012 as the Council Member representing District C. During her tenure on Council, Ellen has championed the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance, the elimination of the backlog of over 6,000 untested sexual assault kits, the implementation of a Parking Benefit District for the Washington Corridor, the creation of a dedicated Human Trafficking Unit within the Houston Police Department, and many other initiatives to improve the quality of life of her constituents. She is currently serving her third term on Council and is Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Houston.

Submitted by Traci Elsner, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen

DID YOU KNOW?

The purpose of the HPCA, as set in our by-laws, is to protect, preserve, and improve the territory of the corporation; to combat community deterioration and crime; to monitor and enforce deed restrictions; to defend human and civil rights secured by law; and for the promotion of other civic welfare purposes?

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

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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Political and Budget Strength in Numbers: Why We Need You

Do these issues concern you?

- Crime
- Traffic
- Giant Potholes
- Speeding
- Deed Restrictions and Development
- Protecting Trees
- Dangerous Buildings

This is a short list of the issues your Civic Association deals with on a near daily basis.

It is critically important to our success in solving neighborhood problems that we speak in very loud 'numbers'.

There are an estimated 1200 households within the Hyde Park Civic Association's purview. Yet, fewer than 200 of those households are dues paying members of HPCA.

We need you, today!

When our leadership represents our neighborhood to City leaders who can help with the issues above, it's important that they're



backed by a strong and involved membership. There is strength in bigger numbers. We speak more loudly when our elected leaders know we are strong and involved neighbors.

Council Member **Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen** will visit our meeting in May. Mrs. Cohen needs to see new faces. She needs to hear that we have just added 30-40 new households to our

membership. She needs to know we mean business.

Then there is the issue of building our budget power. We all have wish lists, projects, events and improvements we would like to see in our neighborhood. But a low membership number means very little money to work with to fulfill our wish lists.

Specifically, improvements to Lamar Park and the dolphin fountain must be tabled because we don't have the funds for maintenance and improvements.

Just by growing our membership number by another 100 or 200, we would reap a significant jump in our budget to put some real shine on our neighborhood assets.

PLEASE HELP US BUILD OUR POLITICAL HEFT BACKED WITH A BETTER BUDGET BY JOINING TODAY!

Submitted by Maryann Young

HPCA HAPPY HOUR AT ROSEMONT

Join us for Happy Hour at Rosemont, the trendy rooftop lounge overlooking Westheimer and Montrose. Enjoy a drink with your neighbors and nibble on complimentary appetizer samples on Wednesday April 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Happy Hour prices 5-8pm.



APRIL 19TH 5:30-7:30PM



Spring and The Ring

I hope you are as excited as I am about the final chapter in **Wagner's Ring Cycle** (*Der Ring des Nibelungen*). I would never had agreed to see the entire cycle, but a friend really wanted to see it. So I have been going for the last 3 years. Even though the operas have been long (up to 6 hours with breaks), they are stunning. The final opera, *Götterdämmerung*, runs from April 22 to May 7. You can still purchase tickets 713-228-6737 or houstongrandopera.org. It doesn't matter that you have not seen the first 3 operas, the story is beyond description. The opera is sung in German with projected English translations.

Okay – so you don't want to sit for 5 or more hours. How about yoga outside? You can practice your poses at the **Rothko Chapel** on Saturdays in April at 9 AM. They ask for a donation of \$10/person.

Or you can sign up for classes at **The Asia Society Texas Center**. Classes are \$10 per session or \$40 for 6 classes. To register or for more information call 713-496-9901 or asiasociety.org/texas/events.

While the weather is still nice, how about Happy Hour at the **Museum of Fine Arts**? The museum is free on Thursdays, so you can see some art then try the exhibition-inspired specialty cocktails (credit card only).

On April 7, 8 enjoy the **Art Car Parade Weekend**. Friday night is the Art Car Ball and Saturday starting at 2 PM is the Parade. This is the 30th Anniversary and 250 motorized cars/creatures will travel down Smith Street. There will be food and drink vendors, so look for some shade and enjoy the 2-hour event. Texas Southern University's **Ocean of Soul** will lead the parade and **Cheese Marin** will be the Grand Marshall. For a listing of all the events: thehoustonartcarparade.com.

Hyde Out and enjoy spring/early summer.



Incredible cars from previous years' Art Car Parades

Photographs by Adrienne Wong, newsletter editor



Yoga at the Rothko Chapel
Image: www.rothkochapel.org

ART PICKS FOR APRIL

Art Car Parade, April 8, 2-4pm, Smith St.

Onset, FORUM6 First Group Exhibition, April 8, 6-9pm. Wister David Lamb, Anne Jensen, Marius Zgirdea, Giselle Rosenthal, A.M. Schaer, Adrienne Wong, Hedwige Jacobs, Karen Braiser, Susan Watt, Beverly Fritsch, Noëlle Mulder. **Forum6**, 1824 Spring St, Ste 227, 77007.

The Fence, until April 2017. **Houston Center for Photography, Photoville** and the **Aga Khan Foundation** bring *The Fence* to Houston for the second time. Montrose Blvd between W. Dallas and Allen Pkwy.

2017 CORE Exhibition, until April 22, 2017. **Lawndale Art Center**, 4912 Main Street, 77002.

Spring Biannual Art Stroll & Sale, 5-10pm, April 22. 3-5pm pre-party and silent auction of one-of-a-kind birdhouses, benefiting the Houston

Arboretum & Nature Center. **Sawyer Yards**, 1502 Sawyer St, 77007.

Drawn to the Inside Hedwige Jacobs, until Apr 23. **The TANK Space**, 1824 Spring St, 77007.

How Do I Say Her Name? Organized by Ann Johnson, until May 6. Regina Agu, Rabéa Ballin, Ann Johnson, Lauren Kelley, Autumn Knight, Rosine Kouman, Lovie Olivia, Kaneem Smith, Monica Villarreal. **Art League Houston**, 1953 Montrose Blvd, 77006.

Submitted by Adrienne Wong, newsletter ed.



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TRASH PICKUP AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE 2017

TRASH/RECYCLING:

SINGLE STREAM: ...Apr 10, 24.

TREE WASTE: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.

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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 patrolers.

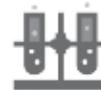
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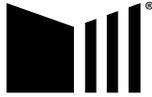
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