

HYDE PARK

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hydeparkhouston.org

Letter from the Vice President

Houstonians rally to help those affected by Harvey storm



Hyde Parkers,
As we go to print on this newsletter, our hearts and thoughts must go to the thousands of fellow Houstonians

who are dealing with devastating damage to their homes and businesses caused by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey. Although our immediate neighborhood appears to be largely unscathed, we know that many of our friends and family members were not so lucky. On page 4, you can find resources for those in need of assistance.

NEIGHBORLY SPIRIT

It was heartwarming to see so many of you, our neighbors, organize help and donations for the victims of the flooding and spend so many of your hours and days tending to those in need. Thank you for posting your activities to the HPCA Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/HydeParkUnited/).

WHAT CAN WE STILL DO?

Like me, you are likely thinking about what you else you can do to help those affected by the flooding. Roy and I were inspired by JJ Watt's impassioned pleas on Twitter (<http://www.youcaring.com/victimsofhurricaneharvey-915053>).

To give specifically to the Red Cross simply text REDCROSS to 90999 to give \$10. The charges will then appear on your next phone billing cycle. Beyond the big-name charities, there are a number of smaller organizations in the affected areas of Texas that can use your donation help, including the Houston Food Bank, Food Bank of Corpus Christi, Houston Humane Society, Houston SPCA, or San Antonio Humane Society.

Another way to help is to go back to spending in our neighborhood. Many of the victims of the floods work in our area. Supporting our local businesses ensures that those jobs are kept.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next general meeting will take place at Rudyard's (upstairs) on Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 PM. We are currently working on a guest speaker.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

In just over a month, our community will come together to celebrate the communal spirit at National Night Out.

We hope you can join us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Roy Brooks at volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org.

Sincerely,
Chris Delphin
Vice President

NON-EMERGENCY CONTACTS

HPD Westheimer Storefront
(832) 394-9900
HPD Non-Emergency (713) 884-3131
24/7 Montrose Management
District Security Patrol (832) 370-9191
Dial 311 for City Helpline

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings, Rudyard's British Pub:
SEPT. 7, Thurs. HPCA, 6:30PM, guest speaker TBD.

Other events:

OCT. 3, 6:00PM, National Night Out.

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of any changes in contact information.

HPCA August 2017 Meeting Minutes

The August Hyde Park Civic Association general meeting was held on Monday, August 7th, at Rudyard's Pub. **Vice President Chris Delphin** opened the meeting at 6:35pm. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. Chris welcomed everyone and introduced **Officer Wayne Pate** to the crowd who then addressed common concerns throughout the neighborhood.

After HPD Officer Pate spoke and answered questions from the audience, **President Macy Bodenhamer** lead the meeting with the regular business agenda.

Treasurer Veronica Faubert presented the July Treasurer's report. The opening balance was \$18,478.03 and the closing \$17,995.22. \$350 of revenues consisted of advertising and membership and expenses included about \$834 of fixed expenses for the Lamar Park Maintenance and Newsletter printing.

Membership Committee Chair Helen Zunka proceeded to give the membership report stating that we had just under 200 paid members. Bodenhamer encouraged people to join if they had not done so yet and thanked everyone for their support.

Board Director and Deed Restrictions Committee Member Mike McKann reported that the city planning commission held a hearing on July 13 to consider the property being built on Fairview and Commonwealth. There was a proposal to replat the adjacent property, which is deed restricted, in order to incorporate a third lot for a mid-rise residence tower. The deed restrictions committee along with a group of residents made objections at the hearing.

*The September HPCA meeting will be on Thursday, Sep. 7.

No plan was presented at the meeting, but it is assumed that developers are still looking to proceed with construction to create the midrise tower. The planning commission, in unanimous vote, approved to replat that property. The board is still planning on what the next move will be and will keep everyone informed as things progress.

Vice President Chris Delphin gave a quick update of Hyde Park's need for volunteers. Hyde Park is still looking for a new Secretary who is in charge of taking notes at monthly meetings and board meetings. The position is a voting position. There is also an open position for the Lamar Park Committee. Delphin also announced that **National Night Out** is coming up on October 3rd. Volunteers are needed to help with contacting local businesses to donate their goods or money. If you can help, contact **Roy Brooks**, whose email can be found on the front page of all newsletters. Volunteers are needed to set up and tear down booths at the event as well.

Bodenhamer concluded the meeting with a couple of announcements. Normally HPCA meets on the first Monday of the month but since the September meeting falls on Labor Day, we are waiting for confirmation from Rudyard's to see if we can host the meeting there on the Tuesday or Wednesday*. Potential guest speakers are still being confirmed.

The November elections are coming up so everyone should keep an eye out for open positions. Lastly, Bodenhamer announced that **resident Jim Pollard** is taking responsibility of crime reports.

The meeting concluded at 7:37pm.

Submitted by Veronica Faubert, treasurer and acting secretary

VOLUNTEER! 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 contact Roy Brooks, volunteer coordinator: volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org

NEWSLETTER: The publication of the September issue of the Hyde Park Newsletter was delayed due to storm Harvey affecting some of our contributors and sponsors. Thank you for your understanding. Wishing Hyde Park and all of Houston the best for recovery after the storm.

HoUStonStrong. - *Adrienne Wong, newsletter editor*

Please submit all material for Oct 2017 consideration by midnight, Friday, Sept 22 2017 to newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org

HPD Officer Pate addresses the HPCA August meeting

Officer Wayne Pate began his presentation by talking about the **Citizens on Patrol (CoP) program**. The program consists of people driving around the neighborhood and reporting any suspicious activity. The CoP are the eyes and ears of the police department. The total amount of collective hours patrolled should be a minimum of 30 each month.

Statistics for Central District #1:

- Jan 1 2016 - July 1 2016: 2 murders
- Jan 1 2017 - July 1 2017: 1 murder
- Sexual assault up 40%
- Robbery up 9%
- Aggravated assault 47%.
- Burglary of habitation down 37%.
- Burglary of buildings still 0
- Theft down 2%

Pate explained that our Citizens on Patrol neighborhood watch group greatly helps lower the rate of these crimes.

One very common crime that he sees a lot is garage theft since people tend to forget to close their garage doors. Car break-ins is another common crime seen in the neighborhood frequently. The main cause of that is leaving possessions inside the car. He urged everyone to put valuables in your trunk before you get to your destination because some thieves will watch you in the parking lot.

Pate stated that times have changed significantly and everyone should be more vigilant of their surroundings. "When I grew up on the east side of town we left our windows open in our house and left our doors unlocked. We cannot do that anymore because society has changed a lot."

Pate then took time to answer questions. One person asked Pate if he thought that violent crimes has gone down in our neighborhood and he stated that according to the statistics, it has gone down a little bit.

Another member of the audience asked about the training requirements for the CoP program. Pate explained that it takes about 45 minutes and filling out the paperwork is the longest part. They teach you what you should be looking out for while patrolling.

Someone voiced their concern about Houston's ongoing homeless problem and specifically how it has affected him and his family in the neighborhood. Lamar Park tends to be a popular area for homeless people in the area. Pate assured him that he would talk to the captain about it. Another neighbor suggested contacting City Dept. of Neighborhoods Representative Jack Valenski in regards to this issue but President Bodenhamer explained that he is our liaison to the city. He will escalate an issue once residents can document a trail of taking it to 311 and law enforcement.

Another audience member chimed in by saying the issue has been going on for ten years since he has been patrolling. The park has been a constant battle. We should put lights, but the city restricts that because the park closes at dusk and putting lights will make people think the park is open. The homeless people are very resourceful and it is not an easy task to remove them.

One couple asked what could be done to prevent hit-and-run car damage caused by drunk drivers in the area. They wanted to know if the city could put speed bumps around the neighborhood. Bodenhamer explained that speeding is an ongoing issue.

We put in an application for a traffic study to assess what is going on and why, but this traffic study has a three-year wait list. There are measures such as speed bumps or extra signage that can be put in place as an outcome of that study.

Someone asked about parking on sidewalks in front of her townhome. Pate stated that you could only park on the sidewalk if there is enough space for a wheelchair to go through without getting on the grass.

Another question arose in regards to parking. One couple living by Wilson Montessori School inquired about the legality of moving trashcans in order to get a street parking spot. Another member of the audience suggested talking to the school administration who could potentially send notes to all the parents about not moving bins in front of houses.

Everyone thanked Officer Pate for attending the meeting and answering questions.

He concluded by telling the audience that theft happens to everyone and we must all be on high alert since it only takes about 18 seconds to break a car window.

Submitted by Veronica Faubert, treasurer and acting secretary

TRASH SCHEDULE DUE TO FLOODING AUG 2017

TRASH PICKUP: Mondays. Due to Labor Day, Monday Sept. 4 garbage will be collected Tuesday Sept. 5.

RECYCLING, JUNK WASTE AND

TREE WASTE COLLECTION: Normally scheduled Recycling, Junk and Tree Waste collections will be suspended until further notice* as all related personnel will be assigned to disaster debris collections.

DISASTER STORM DEBRIS - FLOOD AND WIND:

Disaster Debris from Hurricane Harvey will be collected on an ongoing basis until all material has been collected. Please place your debris at the curb as soon as possible. It is essential the piles be accessible by the collection crews therefore **please do not park on the street blocking piles**, and make sure the material is clear of tree branches,

fire hydrants, utility lines. Please divide debris into the following categories.

Vegetative Debris - leaves (do not put in bags), logs, plants, tree branches.

Construction & Demolition Debris - building materials, carpet, drywall, furniture, lumber, mattresses and plumbing.

Appliances & White Goods - air conditioners, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers and water heaters.

Electronics - computers, radios, stereos, televisions, other devices with a cord.

Household Hazardous Waste - cleaning supplies, batteries, lawn chemical, oils, oil-based paints, stains and pesticides.

* Information as at Aug. 31. Please refer to the City of Houston website for up-to-date information. <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/press-08302017a.html>

Hurricane Harvey Resources

For Tropical Storm/Hurricane Harvey resources, please first refer to FEMA and the City of Houston. For the latest information, you can go online, follow social media communication or the mobile apps of those organizations. FEMA: www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey and the City of Houston: www.houstontx.gov

Key Safety Tips

Residents of Texas and Louisiana are still not out of harm's way. Do not attempt to return home until local officials say it is safe to do so. Continue to monitor the weather and follow the direction of state, tribal and local officials. Don't drive on flooded roadways. **Remember – Turn Around, Don't Drown!**

Apply For Assistance

Registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, is the quickest way to register for FEMA assistance since the event will last several days and the full scope of damages may not be evident until the storm has passed. If you are unable to access the internet, you can also call at 1-800-621-3362.

Resources

To help people affected by the storm, visit the **National Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster's** website for a listed of trusted organizations: <http://txvoad.communityos.org/cms/node/104>

To find family & friends or to register yourself as safe, visit the **American Red Cross Safe & Well** site: <http://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/>

To report a missing child, contact the **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**: 1-866-908-9570.

To talk to a professional who can help you cope with emotional distress from the storm, call the **Disaster Distress Helpline** at 1-800-985-5990 or text **TalkWithUs** to 66746.

Visit the FEMA Social Hub for updates from official emergency management social media accounts.

Find an open shelter near you by texting **SHELTER** and your zip code to 4FEMA (43362). You can also use the FEMA mobile app.

Download the FEMA Mobile App to receive alerts from the **National Weather Service**, get safety and survival tips, customize

your emergency checklist, find your local shelter, and upload your disaster photos to help first responders.

To find out if your car was towed, check on this website by the HPD: www.findmytowedcar.com

Texas State Park camping is free to hurricane evacuees but some parks are closed due to the hurricane. You can check at <http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/park-information/evacuee-parks>

Sources: FEMA, City of Houston, Texas Parks & Wildlife websites

How You Can Help

Both FEMA and the City of Houston have information on how you can help.

FEMA: When disaster strikes, every little bit helps. To make the most of your contributions, FEMA advises these guidelines to learn the most effective and safest ways to donate cash, goods, or time following a disaster:

Cash is best. Financial contributions to recognized disaster relief organizations are the fastest, most flexible, and most effective method of donating. Organizations on the ground know what items and quantities are needed, often buy in bulk with discounts and, if possible, purchase through area businesses which supports economic recovery. Visit the NVOAD website for a list of those organizations (see left for URL).

Confirm donations needed. Critical needs change rapidly – confirm needed items BEFORE collecting; pack and label carefully; confirm delivery locations; arrange transportation. Unsolicited goods NOT needed burden local organizations' ability to meet survivors' confirmed needs, drawing away valuable volunteer labor, transportation, and warehouse space.

Connect to volunteer. Trusted organizations operating in the affected area know where and how volunteers are needed. FEMA advises if you would like to volunteer, visit: www.nvoad.org/voad-members/national-members/

Source: FEMA, www.fema.gov

The **City of Houston** advises the following if you would like to help:
Individuals: Call 211 (713-685-2300 if out of area). They are coordinating volunteers.

Groups or Individuals: Register at volunteershouston.org

Corporations wanting to donate supplies or money (eg: truckloads of supplies): Please send an email to Norma.Meadows@houstontx.gov and Carlecia.Wright@houstontx.gov with the following information: Name of organization, name of person to call regarding the donation, email of Point of Contact, service provided.

Individuals wanting to donate: Harris County & COH JOINT Donations Hotline 1-800-924-5985.

Medical volunteers: SETRAC website for medical volunteers to register for disaster volunteering: <http://texasdisastervolunteerregistry.org/>
Source: City of Houston, www.houstontx.gov

How to find out what help is required: Follow the social media (eg: twitter or facebook) accounts of the organizations that you want to help for the most immediate information of what they need.

An online interactive map is doing the rounds on social media of shelters and organizations and their current needs for supplies and volunteers, built by **Sketch City**, a civic technology community in Houston. Data is crowd-sourced. Visit: <http://sketch-city.github.io/harvey-needs>

Disaster Unemployment Assistance

If you lost your job because of Hurricane Harvey, the **Texas Workforce Commission** advises you can apply for unemployment benefits online at: <http://apps.twc.state.tx.us/UBS/security/logon.do>

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) provides unemployment benefits for individuals

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who lost their jobs or self-employment or who are no longer working as a direct result of a major disaster for which a disaster assistance period is declared, and who applied but are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits. "Direct result of a major disaster" means an immediate result of the disaster itself, not the result of a longer chain of events caused or worsened by the disaster.

Worker Protections During or After Natural Disasters

Employers may not discharge or discriminate against employees who evacuate under emergency evacuation orders. Employers who violate this provision are liable for any loss of wages or employer-provided benefits and must reinstate the employee to the same or equivalent position.

Emergency personnel and those who provide for the safety and well-being of the public are not covered by this law but their employer must provide them with adequate emergency shelter.

After you apply for DUA, you must complete your work search registration at WorkinTexas.com or your local Workforce Solutions office within three days of applying for DUA. You do not have to register if you were self-employed at the time of the disaster and are taking steps to reopen your business. If you do not plan to reopen your business, you must complete a work search registration and do the following: seek work; send TWC proof of your employment that was affected by the disaster within 21 days of applying for DUA; actively search for full-time employment unless TWC informs you that you are exempt from the work search requirement.

TWC may exempt work searches if there is a lot of damage to the businesses in the disaster area, if you have a return-to-work date within 12 weeks, or if you are self-employed and working to reopen your business.

Make sure TWC has your current mailing address. If you cannot receive mail at your home address, you can

either set up a general delivery address with the US Postal Service or arrange to receive mail at a relative's or friend's home. If using someone else's address, include an "in care of" line with their name in the address.

For more information, see the TWC website: www.twc.state.tx.us

Source: Texas Workforce Commission, www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/disaster-unemployment-assistance#applyingForDua

How to help animals

The Houston Humane Society is in need of donations to support their efforts to care for animals rescued from the disaster zone. You can view their Amazon wish list at: www.amazon.com/gp/aw/ls/?ie=UTF8&lid=2TP1CHNL61H22

The Houston SPCA has opened an Animal Emergency Response Hotline. Please call 713-861-3010 for disaster-related reports. For more information, visit: www.houstonspca.org/programs-and-services/disaster-services.html

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc. needs financial donations to support emergency medical attention for wildlife. Go to <http://wildlife-rescue.org/support/>

The Texas SPCA says there are many other countless shelters and rescues working together to provide as much assistance as possible, and advises to not self-deploy to the disaster zone. Check with your local animal welfare organizations to see how you can help them in the coming weeks.

Source: SPCA of Texas, www.spca.org

Submitted by Adrienne Wong, newsletter editor



*Bring a lawn chair — and your appetite — to Lamar Park on Hyde Park Blvd. between Waugh and Commonwealth**

Our Thanks to the Restaurants, Businesses, Churches and Clinics that Support this Annual Event with their Donations and Volunteers

Location:

Lamar Park is located on Hyde Park Boulevard between Waugh and Commonwealth.

The Dolphin Fountain is at the eastern end of the park.



Membership Special:

Non-members or expired members who join the Hyde Park Civic Association during National Night Out get the last three months of this year for free. If you pay your 2018 membership dues at National Night Out, you can vote in our November election and attend our annual holiday party at Rivas. **You must pay your \$30 dues that night** by cash, check or credit card.

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DID YOU KNOW?

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign promoting neighborhood camaraderie to make

our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. NNO enhances the relationship among neighbors while bringing back a true sense of community. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states.

Our neighborhood hosts a block party at Lamar Park with food and beverages donated from local businesses. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 3rd!

Submitted by Chris Delphin, vice president

CITIZENS ON PATROL REPORT FOR JUL 2017

Hours patrolled by car= 40
Hours patrolled on foot= 132.3

Thanks to all the patrollers who kept an eye out for the safety of our neighbors and community.

Submitted by Bill Galbraith



POLICE · COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday,
Oct 3 2017
6:00pm

We're looking for committee members to help recruit and coordinate volunteers.
Contact Roy at volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org

HPD Crime Reports for May, June 2017

Activity	Street/Block	Name	Date	Time
AggravatedAssault	2000-2099 Waugh	Bar or Night Club Parking Lot	5/11/2017	22
AutoTheft	1300-1399 Peden	Driveway	5/28/2017	20
AutoTheft	2300-2399 Waugh	Road, Street, or Sidewalk	5/29/2017	17
Burglary	1400-1499 California	Drug Store or Medical Supply	5/3/2017	2
Burglary	2600-2699 Waugh	Restaurant or Cafeteria	5/7/2017	15
Theft	1300-1399 W Gray	Apartment Parking Lot	5/3/2017	6
Theft	1300-1399 California	Road, Street, or Sidewalk	5/9/2017	15
Theft	2000-2099 Montrose	Other Parking Lot	5/10/2017	16
Theft	1100-1199 Westheimer	Strip Business Center Parking Lot	5/11/2017	6
Theft	1100-1199 Jackson	Other, Unknown, or Not Listed	5/13/2017	16
Theft	1300-1399 W Gray	Apartment Parking Lot	5/13/2017	8
Theft	1100-1199 Westheimer	Other Parking Lot	5/20/2017	8
Theft	1700-1799 Commonwealth	Road, Street, or Sidewalk	5/21/2017	1
Theft	2400-2499 Montrose	Other Parking Lot	5/21/2017	19
Theft	2500-2599 Montrose	Convenience Store	5/21/2017	22
Theft	1100-1199 Westheimer	Commercial Parking Lot or Garage	5/23/2017	11
Theft	1700-1799 Waugh	Residence or House	5/25/2017	9
Theft	2200-2299 Montrose	Restaurant / Cafeteria Parking Lot	5/27/2017	0
Theft	1300-1399 W Gray	Apartment Parking Lot	5/27/2017	13
Theft	2700-2799 Yoakum	Road, Street, or Sidewalk	5/28/2017	21
Theft	1200-1299 California	Other Parking Lot	5/29/2017	13
Theft	2500-2599 Montrose	Restaurant or Cafeteria	5/31/2017	12
Theft	1000-1099 Westheimer	Liquor Store	5/3/2017	12
Theft	1300-1399 Westheimer	Restaurant / Cafeteria Parking Lot	5/3/2017	23
Theft	1700-1799 Commonwealth	Road, Street, or Sidewalk	5/6/2017	2
Theft	1500-1599 Hyde Park	Restaurant or Cafeteria Parking Lot	5/22/2017	22
Aggravated Assault	1400-1499 Fairview	Condominium	6/11/2017	22
Aggravated Assault	1200-1299 Westheimer	Restaurant or Cafeteria	6/12/2017	15
AutoTheft	1200-1299 Jackson	Residence or House	6/1/2017	8
AutoTheft	2500-2599 Commonwealth	Apartment Parking Lot	6/18/2017	16
Burglary	1600-1699 Montrose	Pawn, Resale Shop, or Flea Market	6/18/2017	2
Burglary	1400-1499 California	Drug Store or Medical Supply	6/28/2017	1
Robbery	900-999 Westheimer	Bus Stop	6/16/2017	5
Robbery	1200-1299 Westheimer	Road, Street, or Sidewalk	6/4/2017	1
Robbery	1000-1099 Westheimer	Bus Stop	6/15/2017	9
Theft	1200-1299 Peden	Road, Street, or Sidewalk	6/2/2017	13
Theft	900-999 Westheimer	Service or Gas Station	6/9/2017	16
Theft	2100-2199 Commonwealth	Residence or House	6/13/2017	2
Theft	1100-1199 Bomar	Convenience Store Parking Lot	6/14/2017	18
Theft	2600-2699 Yoakum	Road, Street, or Sidewalk	6/15/2017	9
Theft	2500-2599 Montrose	Apartment	6/29/2017	17
Theft	1200-1299 Westheimer	Strip Business Center Parking Lot	6/8/2017	14
Theft	1700-1799 Commonwealth	Road, Street, or Sidewalk	6/15/2017	1
Theft	1000-1099 Westheimer	Liquor Store Parking Lot	6/19/2017	13
Theft	1500-1599 California	Driveway	6/26/2017	8

Note that crimes reported to HPD takes 3 months to become available for publishing.

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Why supporting the arts is important

I received this email from **4th Wall Theatre Company** last week: "This is to share some difficult news that compels us to say goodbye as theater managers and producers to the Houston theatre community, to our audience, and to our fellow artists who have engaged with **Stark Naked/4th Wall Theatre** for the past seven years with dedication and passion. Simply put, 4th Wall is not sustainable because there isn't enough private and public funding or ticket revenue to keep it going without cutbacks to artists' salaries, which is contrary to our mission. As a result, 4th Wall Theatre will shut down." The last performance will be in December.

Just when it seems theater in Houston is as good as theater anywhere, we lose a theater due to lack of support. Let's make sure other small venue theaters thrive by attending performances, purchasing season tickets and donating needed dollars.

Here are some events occurring in September that you might enjoy:

Inprint Margaret Root Brown Reading Series brings authors **Nathan Englander** and **Nicole Krauss** to **Cullen Theater** in the **Wortham Center**.

Englander was a finalist for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for his story collection, *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank*. He will read from his new book, *Dinner at the Center of the Earth*.

Nicole Krauss, who was a finalist for the National Book Award for her novel *Great House*, will read from her new book, *Forest Dark*, Publishers Weekly. The event is Monday September 18, at 7:30pm. General admission tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online starting Sept. 5, at inprinthouston.org.

Houston Arboretum and Nature Center is conducting a lecture by **Dr. Cullen Geiselman** on "Bats".

You will learn why bats are crucial for pest control, seed dispersal and pollination. Beer, light snacks and coffee are included in the registration price. The event is Sept. 23, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. \$30/member or \$40/nonmember. Register online at HoustonArboretum.org or call 713-681-8433. You can also watch bats at the Waugh Street Bridge any evening for free.

Houston Symphony brings **Garrison Keillor**, an American storytelling legend who has stepped down as host for *A Prairie Home Companion*. The event is Monday, Sept. 25 at Jones Hall. For tickets go online at houstonsymphony.org or call 713-224-7575.

Please Support the Arts in Houston!

Submitted by *Mary Ellen Whitworth*



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!

Mail form and check to:
Hyde Park Civic Association
PO Box 66422
Houston, TX 77266-6422
Or just pay online
at www.hydeparkhouston.org.

Hyde Park Civic Association Annual Membership
Yes, I would like to support my local neighborhood association

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____
If purchasing Couples Membership

Address: _____

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