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Letter from the President

Spring has sprung - summer's comin'



Hyde Parkians,
Hello spring, almost
summer!

It's a mild 61
degree night as I
write this letter. Oh,
how that will soon

change.

I would like to thank every
single one of the 182 or so neigh-
bors who took the time to join
the association or renew their
membership for the modest fee
of \$30 a year. You're awesome!

Did you know that our com-
munity has grown from 1,100
households to probably more
than 1,500 now? Not surprising,
considering all the recent devel-
opment. A drive down Montrose
during rush hour makes that
even clearer. If even just half of
that number joined the asso-
ciation, we would have enough
funding to actually hire staff to
help with the many responsibili-
ties, or pay a newsletter editor
for services, or potentially adopt
our esplanades, or even have our
own security patrol.

The opportunities would be
far and wide. Won't you consider
joining? Just fill out the form
in this newsletter and mail pay-
ment, or visit [www.hydepark-
houston.org](http://www.hydepark-houston.org).

Please join me in thanking
Lamar Park Co-Chairs **Rodney**

Morris and Dean Emmons, who
are moving out-of-state, for their
ongoing commitment to our
only green space and generous,
tireless efforts on the Dolphin
Fountain Fundraiser. See more on
page X. We'll miss you guys.

I'm also happy to welcome
Sharon Seligman and **Nelsen
Vergel** to the volunteer role of
HPD Liaisons. And pleased to an-
nounce resident **Roy Brooks** as
our newly appointed Volunteer
Coordinator. Roy will help recruit
volunteers for vacated and open
roles. More on page 4.

**Psst! We STILL need a new
newsletter editor...** Anyone?
Bueller? Please? Email presi-
dent@hydeparkhouston.org.

Neighbors like the five men-
tioned above really do deserve
a shout out for being willing to
give their time to collectively
make a big, positive impact on
Hyde Park. Thank you all!

I hope to see you at our April
6th monthly meeting, when Buf-
falo Bayou Partnership PR Direc-
tor Trudi Smith will discuss the
organization's activities. Find
details on page 3.

And don't forget the Super
Fun Picnic in Cherryhurst Park
on Saturday, April 11th. All two and
four-legged residents are invited.

Sincerely,
Macy Bodenhamer

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UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings at Rudz, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 6: Trudi Smith with the
Buffalo Bayou Partnership (see pg. 3)

MAY 4: Brian J. Crimmins, Houston
Planning & Development Department

APRIL 11 - SuperFun Picnic
Cherryhurst Park 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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March 2015 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Travis Marshall, Secretary

The March 2 monthly Hyde Park Civic Association (HPCA) meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. by **President Macy Bodenhamer** with 35 guests present. The meeting started with a presentation from **guest speaker City Councilwoman Ellen Cohen**. The City Councilwoman shared her responses to presubmitted questions from the HPCA Board of Directors and fielded questions from the attendees as well. The time together was very informative. Look for a recap in the May edition.

The regular meeting business then followed and was commenced by the attendees introducing themselves, by sharing their civic association role and the street they live on. A sign in sheet was passed around in order to document those in attendance.

It was announced that **Dean Emmons and Rodney Morris** will be leaving the neighborhood, hence vacating their role as Lamar Park Chairmen. They have done a great job of spearheading the Lamar Park Dolphin Fountain Restoration Project and taking care of Hyde Park's only park. Thanks guys! Also it was announced that we will be needing a new liaison with HPD and their Positive Interaction Program (PIP). If you are interested in either position (Lamar Park Chair or PIP liaison) please contact Macy via her email president@hydeparkhouston.org. (*NOTE: Two volunteers for PIP liaison came forward after the meeting. See article on page 4.*)

Newsletter distribution was the next topic of discussion. The HPCA Board is aware that distribution is not always consistent and may never reach some of our gated communities due to the newsletter deliverers' inability to deliver mail at some addresses. If you or someone you know isn't receiving the newsletter or is willing to help deliver these newsletters, especially

those who have access to the gated communities, please contact **Tammi Wallace** via her email vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org.

Treasurer Rex Richardson reported that HPCA's expenses and revenues were even for the month. If you want access to a thorough breakdown of HPCA's financials, please contact Rex via his email treasurer@hydeparkhouston.org.

Membership Chair and Board Director-at-Large Sandy Zilker announced membership numbers. She stated that the 2015 membership is up to 178 members, which is the largest member total in recent memory. Keep inviting neighbors to join and attend the monthly meetings. You can join on the civic association's website at www.hydeparkhouston.org.

The Deed Restrictions Committee had no updates this month. Development seems to be slow. When possible, HPCA will try to keep the neighborhood aware of road closures related to any development construction. Make sure to try and get your block Chapter 42 protected, which means that the minimum lot size is limited. If you are interested in Chapter 42 protection for your block, petitions are out there for most blocks and you can find out more information by contacting deedrestrictions@hydeparkhouston.org.

It was also announced that the Super Fun Picnic will be raging again at Cherryhurst Park on April 11th. Be sure to stop by and enjoy the spring weather. Dogs are welcome!

Next month, HPCA will be having its meeting on April 6 and will be hosting the **Buffalo Bayou Partnership**. Many topics concerning the park and our neighborhood will be discussed, so be sure not to miss this opportunity to engage and learn about our community.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

April 6 Association Meeting Guest Speaker

Learn About Recent Buffalo Bayou Expansions

Trudi Smith, who will present at our April 6th meeting, has been the Director of PR and Events with Buffalo Bayou Partnership for over 10 years, and has prior experience with a variety of arts non-profit organizations in the development and special events arena. She graduated with a Bachelor of Environmental Design from Texas A&M. She has been on the Culture & Tourism Committee at Greater Houston Partnership, Strategic Planning Committee at the Architecture Center Foundation,

and is a member of the various arts organizations throughout Houston.

Buffalo Bayou Partnership oversees beautification and redevelopment activities along Houston's historic Buffalo Bayou waterway. Over the past 15 years, BBP and the board of directors have raised and leveraged approximately \$150 million in private and public funds for Buffalo Bayou's redevelopment.

Submitted by Macy Bodenhamer



Trudi Smith, Buffalo Bayou Partnership

City Guest Speaker Scheduled for May 4th Meeting

Plan to attend our May monthly meeting to learn about the General Plan for our city. Chief of Staff Brian J. Crimmins, with City of Houston Planning & Development Department, will speak about this initiative.

Over the past year, the City of Houston Planning and Development Department has been partnering with

representatives from over 150 community groups to create a framework for a General Plan for Houston. With a cohesive vision for our city and method of coordination for local organizations in place, Houston hopes to ensure that planning decisions that the City and other groups make are collaborative and avoid redundancies.

The public engagement process was recently kicked off with the launch of www.PlanHouston.org, which provides information and opportunities to participate in the process. Public input is solicited on what priorities Houstonians want included within our General Plan, as well as on a draft vision statement for our city.

2015 MEETING, TRASH PICKUP AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

All residents are welcomed to monthly meetings (@ **6:30-7:45 p.m., 2nd floor Rudyard's Pub on Waugh**). Featured guest speakers will be announced in advance. Come early to order dinner or a beverage and enjoy during the meeting. Meetings are always held on the 1st Monday of each month, with exceptions noted below.

Monday, April 6

Saturday, April 11: SuperFun Picnic

Monday, May 4

Monday, June 1

Monday, July 6 - No meeting, Volunteer Reception TBA

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, September 8
(Monday the 7th is Labor Day)

Tuesday, Oct. 6 - National Night Out in Lamar Park

Monday, November 2

December - No meeting, Holiday Party TBA

TRASH/RECYCLING:

TRASH PICK-UP: MONDAYS

SINGLE STREAM: April 13, 27

TREE WASTE: May 6; Jul. 1

HEAVY/JUNK: Apr. 1; Jun. 3

NEWSLETTER:

newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org

CITIZENS ON PATROL –

FEBRUARY 2014

Volunteer Patrol Hours:

Will be updated in the next edition

2nd Annual

SuperFunPicnic

**Saturday,
April 11**

11 AM - 2 PM

Cherryhurst Park

*Bring a dish to share
at our potluck picnic*

NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH: Roy Brooks

Submitted by Travis Marshall, Secretary

A Hyde Park resident for the better part of four years, Roy Brooks of Peden Street, is a Doctoral Candidate in Theatre and Performance Studies who enjoys unwinding with a craft beer from Hay Merchant, the music at Free Press Summer Fest, and the devised and avant-garde works of local theatre and dance companies.

Roy was drawn to Hyde Park by the diversity and the creative energy injected into the area due to the proximity of the museum district, galleries, and universities. Because of Roy's love for every-

thing the neighborhood has to offer, Roy has recently decided to become Hyde Park Civic Association's Volunteer Coordinator in hopes that he can help our community grow together through the events HPCA creates and sponsors.

You may be able to find Roy at Inversion Coffee House reading and studying. Roy's passion for theatre is rooted in the role theatre can play in world- and self-discovery and the power theatre has to transform lives and transgress boundaries. Roy is a faithful sponsor of his alma mater,

Santa Clara University, and volunteers at the Periwinkle Foundation and the Association for Theatre in Higher Education.



Roy Brooks,
Neighbor of the Month and Volunteer Coordinator

Empire is a new favorite TV show of Roy's and he also enjoys listening to the musical workings of Yiruma and A Silent Film. Be sure to meet Roy at the next HPCA meeting!

Brooks to serve as our new volunteer coordinator

One of the Association's challenges continues to be finding volunteers to help share the many responsibilities that come with keeping our community informed and connected, protecting our security, and preserving our character.

I'm so pleased that five-year resident Roy Brooks answered our call for help! Roy has accepted the newly appointed position of Volunteer Coordinator. In this role, he will facilitate filling vacated and new volunteer roles through outreach.

Roy is a multi-talented guy, full of personality, who is working on his PhD dissertation in Theater. Please join me in welcoming him to this role and look to hear from him soon. Even better, come meet him at our April 6th monthly meeting!

Welcome New HPD Liaisons Sharon Seligman and Nelson Vergel

An important part of keeping Hyde Park safe and aware is our connection with the Houston Police Department (HPD). Their Positive Interaction Program (PIP) is designed to educate and inform residents. Through monthly PIP meetings, HPD presents topics of importance to community safety.

The meetings feature speakers from different divisions (Burglary and Theft, Homicide, K-9, Helicopters, etc.) explaining how their division operates. This is done so citizens will know what to expect, should they ever need the police. Find more at <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/pip/>.

Thankfully, residents Sharon Seligman and Nelson Vergel have volunteered to share the vacant role of HPD Liaison, attending monthly meetings and providing meeting re-



Nelson Vergel and Sharon Seligman

caps in this newsletter. Sharon and Nelson, we appreciate your time and efforts to support our neighborhood!

Sharon Seligman returned to Montrose after living several years between Mexico and Spicewood, a Hill Country community outside of Austin. Previously, she lived in Montrose for 20 years. She's glad to be back! Sharon is a local realtor and also an advertiser who supports this newsletter.

Nelson Vergel has lived on Jackson Blvd for 20 years with his partner. He is getting more concerned about his street condition and the unplanned growth of Montrose. He is an author and activist in the health field.

The public is welcome to attend the next PIP meeting.

May 12, 2015 at 7pm
Topic: HPD Air Support -
Police Helicopter Division
1602 State St. (Auditorium)
Houston, TX 77007

Also assisting with safety awareness is volunteer and resident Rick Wannall, who tracks HPD's crime statistics and works hard to cull through all of the data to produce locally-specific crime reports for our newsletter. Thanks Rick!

- submitted by Macy Bodenhamer

Our Neighborhood Boundaries

Ever wondered exactly what territory makes up Hyde Park? See the map at right for our boundaries.

The northern-most upper section was annexed into our area in the 1990s to include Peden, Hazel and West Gray.

Appreciation is extended to Board Member **Divya Chandrasekhar** who created the updated, easy-to-read map.

There are about 1,100 households in our neighborhood, compared to Cherryhurst on our west side, which has only 300 households.

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 2015, please so do. Use the form below 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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Show your love for Mother Earth: Recycle

April 22 is Earth Day, celebrated worldwide since 1970 to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Do your part by filling those huge green bins for recycling pickup every other Monday.

Here's a list of the items accepted for recycling, just in case you weren't sure. Food and beverage

items should be rinsed and drained.

- Glass jars & jugs
- Plastic containers #1 - 5, 7 (not #6 and no plastic bags)
- Newspapers, magazines, mail
- Aluminum & tin cans
- Milk cartons
- Corrugated cardboard (no pizza boxes)

Also consider attending the free Earth Day Houston event at Discovery Green on Saturday, April 11. The festival includes entertainment and a Green Expo with zones specific to air, water, land, sustainability, and more.

Find details at: <http://www.earthdayhouston.org/>.

Lamar Park Co-Chairs Bid Farewell, New Volunteers Sought

It is with great regret and also big congratulations that I announce extraordinary Lamar Park Co-Chairs Rodney Morris and Dean Emmons will be leaving our neighborhood for career advancement in another state. I wish them the best in their new endeavors!

Winners of the annual Camille Bogel Volunteer of the Year Award in 2014, Rodney and Dean championed governance over our city-adopted green space, Lamar Park, and its maintenance for the past few years. Not only that, they researched, initiated and executed the Dolphin Fountain Preservation Fundraiser in efforts to preserve this historical landmark. It's considered the oldest, continually functioning fountain in the city.

Rodney and Dean dedicated countless hours and contributed significant personal funds to Lamar Park and the Fountain fundraiser. Their commitment to this role has been above and beyond any recognition I could offer. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our community. We will miss them dearly.

If you are interested in helping chair or co-chair the Lamar Park Committee and/or helping with the Dolphin Fountain Fundraiser, please contact Tammi Wallace at vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org.

-submitted by Macy Bodenhamer

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2nd Annual

Super Fun Picnic

and

Neighborhood Potluck

Saturday, April 11 • 11 AM - 2 PM
in Cherryhurst Park

Enjoy a warm-weather outing in the park with your neighbors. Bring a main or side dish to share. We'll provide water, soft drinks, desserts, fun and games. Enjoy some tennis, toss a Frisbee, or just relax on the grass.

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