

# Hyde Park News

JUNE-JULY '24

## Monthly Hyde Park Update

*Submitted by Mary Ellen Whitworth*

The Hyde Park Civic Association is thriving because of a group of dedicated volunteers and neighbors. We held our monthly meeting on May 7 at Brookstreet BBQ. Our speaker was Matt Weaver, of the Texas A&M Forest Service. We had 20 people in attendance to learn about the importance and care of our trees. Sarah Frazier has summarized the high points in her minutes. On May 16 we held our first in-person fundraiser. We had around 40 neighbors in attendance and raised over \$1,000. Even hurricane winds and drenching rain could not stop us from having a great time. Many thanks to Joe Milton and Patty Hunt for selecting and providing the wine, Cathy Overly and Billy Davis for desserts, Karen Baribeault and Ross

Lee for promotion, Anne Thobae and Mike McKann for flowers and Brookstreet BBQ for tasty treats and for everyone who helped set up and clean up.

Our June 4th speaker will be Sergeant Tracy Hicks with the Houston Police Department. Sgt. Hicks has served 32 years with the HPD, the past 18 years as a Sgt in Auto Theft. Current assignment as the Crime Prevention Sergeant responsi-

ble for community outreach and education regarding current auto theft trends. We will not meet in July but we will continue to send out information by email and Facebook.

Councilmember Abbie Kamin will be our August speaker. If you have an issue that needs to be brought to the board, please contact any of us. If we know about a problem while it is a small problem, we may be able to address it quickly. If you wait until it is a large problem, we may not be able to help.

Also, please let us know if you have suggestions for monthly meeting topics or speakers. The City of Houston has many potential problems to address in the coming years such as water quantity and quality, air quality, climate change, crime, transportation, severe weather events and how we will pay for everything.

Finally, thanks to everyone involved in putting the newsletter together. We have writers, publishers, sorters and deliverers. All are important and much appreciated.

## June Events

- **HPCA General Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 4th,  
7p@Brookstreet BBQ  
Guest speaker  
Sergeant Tracy Hicks
- **Happy Hour**  
Thursday, June 28th  
5-7p@The Burger Joint
- **TIRZ Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 18th@6:30p  
Probably at Havens Center,  
1831 West Alabama St.
- **Neartown Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 25th@7p  
Women's Home, 2nd floor,  
607 Westheimer Rd.



Scan the QR code to sign up for your Hyde Park Civic Association membership via PayPal!

# June 2024 Membership Corner

Hello neighbors -

As of May 17 membership for HPCA is 151 members. Please welcome new and renewing members for May - Barry Baumgarten and Pam and Tim Guhlin. Welcome and thanks for being part of HPCA in 2024.

The June newsletter is the fourth newsletter of 2024. The HPCA leadership has worked hard to establish a monthly timeline for submitting articles, getting the newsletter to Kwik Kopy, bundling the newsletters for the block captains and getting every newsletter delivered to every accessible address in Hyde Park. It's a process that HPCA has followed for 20+ years and it works! It's a pleasure to work with the board - Sarah Frazier, Vinny Vega, Barry Baumgarten, Chris Delphin and Macy Bodenhamer. This team is working hard to make the HPCA meetings, the newsletter and leading HPCA run smoothly. I'm grateful for the 2024 board and the other volunteers who have stepped up to help run HPCA.

Please read Mary Ellen Whitworth's article about the May wine tasting fundraiser on the front page. Congratulations Mary Ellen and Tom for hosting a successful fundraiser (they raised \$1000). It was crazy to be at a party enjoying wine and great company while the derecho raged around us! May is fundraiser month for HPCA and you can still make a contribution on PayPal/Credit Card ([HydeParkHouston.org](https://HydeParkHouston.org)) and now Venmo (@HydeParkCA) too! The names of all HPCA May fundraiser donors, attendees and hosts will be published in the August newsletter.

Remember - there's still time for us to add your name to that list! In the meantime thanks to everyone who supported the May fundraiser. We are grateful for your support and your donation.

Vinny Vega is getting good at his Treasurer role. He's got HPCA set up with a Venmo account! You can donate and pay your HPCA membership from your Venmo account. In May, \$275 in donations for the fundraiser came through Venmo. Good start for the new account.

Bert Sheldon won the \$25 The Burger Joint gift card from the membership incentive raffle. Nancy and Bert Sheldon renewed their memberships in March and were 2 of 44 entries in the drawing. Congratulations Bert! There will NOT be a July newsletter printed or delivered to Hyde Park homes. And no general meeting in July either. There is a general membership meeting planned on June 4. HPCA happy hours on June 28 and July 18. August general membership meeting is planned for August 6 and Joe Zetter and I are working on a back-to-school event for August 10. So, watch your inbox for emails from neighbor@hydeparkcivicassociation.ccsend.com or the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HydeParkUnited/> to keep up with the HPCA summer events.

I hope I see you out and about in the neighborhood.

Karen Baribeault - HPCA Membership

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Remember to VOTE -Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Primary Runoff Elections for Republican and Democrat runoff candidates. <https://www.harrisvotes.com/>



Fundraiser event, hosted by Mary Ellen and Tom Whitworth - we were enjoying great wine, food and company.

# Meeting minutes

*Submitted by Sarah Frazier*

Report of Hyde Park General Membership Meeting on May 7, 2023

We had nearly 20 people present at Brookstreet Barbecue on May 7. We went around the table introducing ourselves. Board members Sarah Frazier, Vincent Vega, and Barry Baumgarten, along with volunteer coordinator Mary Ellen Whitworth, made some brief announcements. Vincent has created a Hyde Park Venmo account: @HydeParkCA. Hyde Park is hosting a wine tasting on May 16.

Aliyah, Council Member Kamin's staffer, announced that the budget process is beginning and public comments are invited at a series of meetings. Also, Kamin chairs the Labor Committee, which will be reviewing the firefighter pay settlement.

Mary Ellen then introduced our speaker, Matt Weaver. Matt is Regional Community Forester for Texas A&M Forest Service. He has a B.S. in Forestry with an emphasis in Urban Forestry and lives in Eado. He is an ISA-certified Arborist. Before A&M, he was a Project Manager for Trees for Houston. Today, Matt's motto is, "Let's not just plant trees, let's grow trees." Managing urban forests is critical. Matt is passionate about the importance of urban trees and educating people about how to take care of and protect them. He works with City employees, local leaders and others to find local solutions to tree problems. After Hurricane Ike, he spent much time in Galveston ministering to and removing old live oaks that were sick or dying of salt poisoning and working with grieving neighbors; 40% of the heritage trees were lost. He delivered a powerpoint presentation that demonstrated his experience and passion. We ended with a Q&A in which we asked about city tree plans, how long salt poisons trees (only a few days if you have available fresh water), and whether the trees we could see out the window at Brookstreet needed to be removed because they were under a power line (that was not sufficient reason in terms of tree health). We learned about urban trees:

- The earth has lost about 50% of its tree canopy.
- In Texas 90% of the population is urban, relying on urban trees.
- He assists with model tree ordinances. Houston's haven't been changed for a while. But the biggest problem in Houston is lack of enforcement and resources for the City's Urban Forestry division.
- Milwaukee is an example of a tree taking good care of its canopy.
- Pruning techniques such as topping crepe myrtles and "lion-tailing" or "the River Oaks cut" - removing most lower branches, happen because neighbors see other neighbors do it, and it threatens the trees. Lion-tailing can cause a tree to topple.
- Urban trees deal with too little soil to grow in, compacted soil.
- Trees control flooding in great part by holding extra rainwater in their leaves. For every added 5% of canopy, you reduce runoff by 2%.
- The Harris County Flood District used to remove trees, because engineers wanted them out of the way to get water out fast. Today, it is a major planter of trees. It's a new culture.
- Best practices for urban trees include no grass on top of the roots, not piling up mulch, pervious concrete, suspended pavement, watering during drought BUT DON'T FORGET AND LEAVE THE HOSE on because overwatering leads to rot, not digging out irrigation lines in their roots - 90% of tree roots are less than 18 inches down, using air spades when you need to cut a root, not putting lawn fertilizer down, which contains herbicides like atrazine.
- Benefits of trees are becoming better known - so much new science. In Japan, doctors prescribe "forest bathing."
- Trees add value. They increase property value in his personal experience. When you plant them, they appreciate in value from there. In contrast, when you build a sidewalk, it immediately starts to depreciate in value.
- Good online tree resources include Isa's treesaregood.com, I-tree,
- Oak wilt has been found a few times in Harris County but in each case, firewood etc had been imported from hill country on property.
- Emerald ash borer is a killer pest for ashes; we have relatively few but Meyerland is an exception.

Special thanks to Brookstreet, which provided bottled water, cookies, and its irresistible banana pudding to the room (we won't get used to that but we appreciate you, Brookstreet!)



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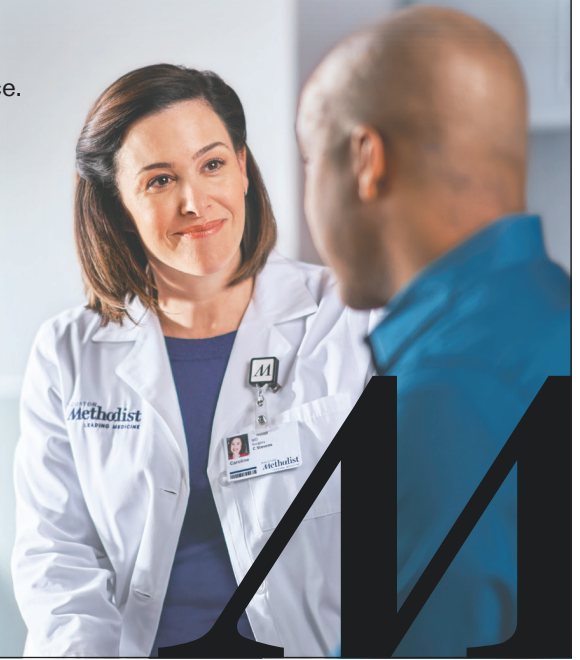
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# April HPD Crime Reports

Submitted by Ross Lee

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**911 - Report a life or death emergency that requires immediate response from police, fire or ambulance**

**713-755-7628 - Dispatch for Harris County Constable Precinct 1 - Alan Rosen**

**713-884-3131 - Request non-emergency Houston police service**

**311 - City of Houston Service Helpline - Also available via [www.houstontx.gov/311](http://www.houstontx.gov/311) and smartphone apps**

**Examples - From traffic fines and sewer concerns to pothole problems and neighborhood complaints.**

Crime	Date	Address	Location
All Other Offenses	4/18/24 8:00	1200 BLOCK California St	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	4/23/24 10:00 PM	1700 BLOCK Commonwealth St	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Motor Vehicle Theft	4/10/24 9:00 PM	2500 BLOCK Commonwealth St	Parking Lot, Garage
Intimidation	4/11/24 10:00 AM	2600 BLOCK Commonwealth St	Other, Unknown
All Other Larceny	4/5/24 2:00 PM	1400 BLOCK Fairview St	Residence, Home (Incl. apt.)
All Other Larceny	4/26/24 1:00 PM	1600 BLOCK Hazel	Residence, Home (Incl. apt.)
Intimidation	4/4/24 3:00 PM	1600 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Other, Unknown
Theft From Motor Vehicle	4/7/24 10:00 PM	2200 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Parking Lot, Garage
Counterfeiting, Forgery	4/11/24 12:00 PM	2500 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Residence, Home (Incl. apt.)
Intimidation	4/5/24 12:00 PM	2500 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Residence, Home (Incl. apt.)
Motor Vehicle Theft	4/1/24 7:00 PM	2500 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Parking Lot, Garage
Forcible Fondling	4/13/24 0:00	1100 BLOCK W Gray St	Abandoned/condemned Structure
Trespass Of Real Property	4/24/24 4:00 AM	1200 BLOCK W Gray St	Residence, Home (Incl. apt.)
Burglary, Breaking And Entering	4/17/24 11:00 PM	1300 BLOCK W Gray St	Drug Store, Doctors Office, Hospital
Intimidation	4/28/24 19:00	1300 BLOCK W Gray St	Residence, Home (Incl. apt.)
Simple Assault	4/24/24 1:00 AM	1300 BLOCK W Gray St	Residence, Home (Incl. apt.)
Simple Assault	4/2/24 23:00	2000 BLOCK Waugh Dr	Bar, Nightclub
All Other Offenses	4/4/24 9:00 AM	2600 BLOCK Waugh Dr	Park/playground
Robbery	4/3/24 18:00	2600 BLOCK Waugh Dr	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
All Other Larceny	4/11/24 7:00 AM	1200 BLOCK Welch St	Residence, Home (Incl. apt.)
Disorderly Conduct	4/6/24 8:00 AM	1000 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Parking Lot, Garage
Driving Under The Influence	4/21/24 2:00	1200 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Trespass Of Real Property	4/17/24 10:00 PM	1200 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Parking Lot, Garage
Aggravated Assault	4/4/24 5:00 PM	1300 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Burglary, Breaking And Entering	4/1/24 4:00 AM	1300 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Restaurant
Burglary, Breaking And Entering	4/15/24 1:00 AM	1300 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Restaurant

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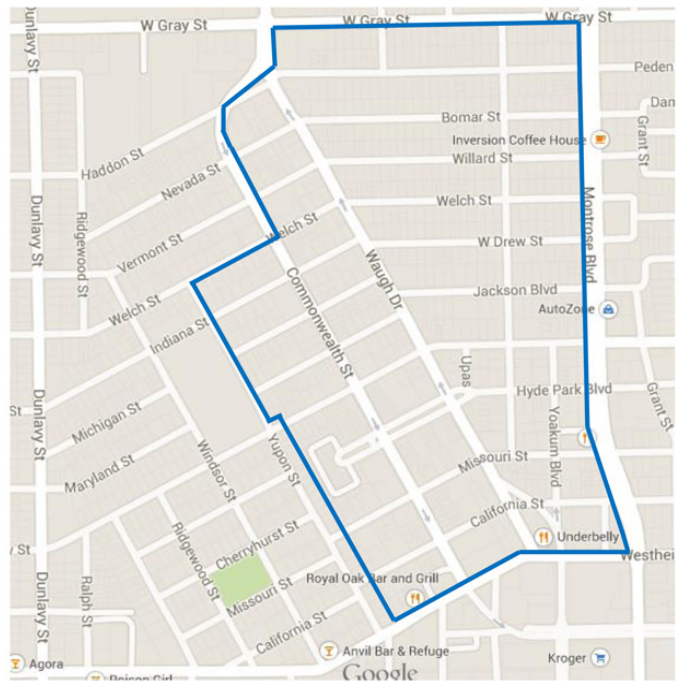
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9	10 Yard Waste Trash & Recycle Pickup	11 Board Meeting 7p@Barry Baumgarten's office	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day	17 Yard Waste Trash Pickup	18 *TIRZ meeting @6:30p	19	20	21	22
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