

Letter from the President



Howdy Hyde Park,

Once again, what a month! For the second month of 2021, the promise of a new year – turning over a new leaf, resolving to fix what was went wrong in the past year – will be delayed until the next month. This was also a very tough month for many in our community. Although the number of infections seems to be decreasing as more and more people are able to get the vaccine, the winter storm showed us that the situation remains very tenuous for many of us. Stay safe everyone.

General Meetings

Once again, we had a great meeting headlined by **Amy Reed, Executive Director of Keep Houston Beautiful**. Ms. Reed spoke to us almost two years ago, and her presentation inspired a lot of the work of volunteers in the neighborhood to help beautify Lamar Park and high traffic areas of Hyde Park. Once again, I hope that Ms. Reed's presentation inspired you to participate in our clean-up efforts around Hyde Park.

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on March 2nd at 7 pm. We have arranged for **Priscilla Meehan, Community Outreach Manager with Legacy Community Health**, to touch upon the community's concerns about the Covid-19 vaccine rollout.

We have some great speakers lined up for our April and May general meetings. On April 6th, we will host **Jennifer Curley with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development**, and on May 4th, we will host **Council Member Abbie Kamin**.

The log-in details for the January meeting are noted on page 3. Attendees can join the Zoom call even if they do not have a computer. There is a dial-in number that allows you to participate with audio only. We will also post the login information on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HydeParkUnited>.

What's Going On

We will be meeting at Lamar Park at 9 am on March 6th to clean up the neighborhood. I hope you can join us. We will have all the tools you need (e.g., gloves, garbage bags, trash pickers) and refreshments. It is always a pleasure to see how nice the neighborhood looks after we finish. I hope you can join us. If we have to cancel because of rain, we will meet on March 13th instead.

Due to the bad weather and other delays, we are postponing the launch of our membership drive to March. Please consider becoming a member, either an individual membership of \$30 for the year or a household membership for \$60 for the year. The membership fees help fund many of the activities that we do

This Month

› HPCA Meeting - Legacy Community Health

March 2nd @ 7pm

› Neighborhood Clean-up

March 6th (March 13th if it is raining!)

Next Month

› HPCA Meeting - Jennifer Curley from Mayor's Office of Economic Development

April 6th @ 7pm

over the course of the year and the upkeep of Lamar Park.

We need your help! Our meetings are not very well attended. We have great speakers lined up who provide interesting presentations on sometimes challenging topics. What can we do to increase the number of people who attend?

Volunteers

We remain in need of volunteers for Hyde Park Civic Association. If you have any time to give, giving back to our neighborhood by getting involved on the Board or in one of the other volunteer positions is a truly

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worthwhile endeavor! Reach out to any of us if you are interested.

Thank you for continuing to follow the guidelines on social distancing and wearing a face mask. It does make a difference! Stay safe everyone.

See ya,
Chris Delphin, President

Civic Club Meeting Recap

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

The meeting, done through Zoom, was brought to order by **Chris Delphin, President**. He welcomed all including Amy Reed with Keep Houston Beautiful. He then turned the meeting over to **James Spears, Vice-President**, and James introduced **Amy Reed who is the Executive Director of Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB)**. Their website says that KHB is the city's leading organization in beautification, litter reduction and recycling education. Ms. Reed reminded us that all litter ends up in sewers and eventually into Galveston Bay. Think what a difference it would make if every person picked up 10 pieces of litter each day! In one-year KHB has 600 projects going on and 10,000 volunteers. Their vision is for Houston to be recognized nationally as one of the cleanest, most beautiful metropolitan cities in America. Ms. Reed discussed KHB Day which will be in April. There will be 20 sites and they are now recruiting teams to whom KHB will provide supplies. KHB has partnered with Houston Community Tool Bank which offers tools through a hand-free pick up and drop off system. KHB has also partnered with several other businesses. Coca Cola is collecting the plastic to recycle. University of Houston School of Architecture is another place that plastic goes. U of H gives the plastic to high schools for projects which are then brought back to U of H for discussion. The biggest litter problem being seen these days are bandit signs. What can we do? Take a picture and call 311. KHB has seen a change in the litter stream during COVID-19. Before COVID, the problem items were cigarette butts as well as bags, bottles and fast-food containers. Since COVID there has been a big rise in fast-food containers as well as PPE supplies. There are two ways we can help KHB. The first is by becoming a sponsor. Every dollar invested equals a \$12 return for the community. The second way is to become a volunteer. KHB has 10,000 volunteers. If they all donate 4 hours of giving time, that is a \$1 million reinvestment to the community. Our own James Spears is on the Board of Directors and is a chair of one of the committees. James thanked Amy Reed for speaking and said to look forward to an event in the park on February 14 as KHB will be involved in this.

General Business

Treasurer's Report - We began the month with \$10,698.33. After expenses of \$440.20 and revenue of \$160, our balance is \$10,418.13.

Lamar Park - A clean-up in the park is scheduled for March 6th. The rain date is March 13th. Please join us at 9:00 and bring a rake, gloves and wear a mask. Trash bags will be provided. Bids for lighting in the trees are being gathered. This information will be shared once

March HPCA Zoom Meeting Details

There are two ways to join:

1. Enter the following into your browser and hit return: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955024812>
2. Dial +1 346-248-7799 and follow the prompts to enter the meeting ID number followed by the pound sign (849 5502 4812 #)

You will be placed in a waiting room and granted access at the time the meeting starts. The meeting ID will change each month, so make sure to check the number each time you join.

**March 2nd @ 7PM
Speaker: Priscilla Meehan from Legacy Community Health**

secured.

Deed Restrictions - Committee chair, **Barry Baumgarten**, said he received information about an address on Maryland where a lot has been cleared and 2 single family dwellings are planned to be built. There will be a virtual Planning Commission meeting on February 4th.

Linda Trevino with Metro was present at the meeting to answer any questions about Metro. It is now a federal offense to not wear a mask while waiting for or riding public transportation. A new program has been started called Adopt a Bus Shelter. The shelter will be named after you and you would be in charge of maintaining the shelter by calling to have trash bins emptied, etc. Metro will provide trash-bags, pick-up, etc. For more information, call Linda at 713 204 1738.

Our speaker next month on March 2nd will be **Priscilla Meehan with Legacy**. April's speaker will be **Jennifer Curley from the Mayor's Office of Economic Development** and May 4th **Abbie Kamin** will be present to speak to us.

The meeting ended at 8:00.

Have any fun pics from the neighborhood? Did you build a snowman and snap a pic?

Send the editor recent Hyde Park happenings to share with friends and neighbors!

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Did You Know?

Submitted by Chris Delphin

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2021 Monthly HPCA Meeting Schedule

Submitted by Heather Almquist

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. We anticipate meeting through Zoom for the foreseeable future.

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.

- March 2nd
- April 6th
- May 4th
- June 1st
- July - Summer Break - no meeting
- August 3rd
- September 7th
- October - NNO, TBD
- November 2nd
- December - TBD

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HPD Crime Reports for January 2021

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Address	Location
Aggravated Assault	1/27/21 6:00	2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Construction Site
Aggravated Assault	1/29/21 11:00	1500 BLOCK MARYLAND	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
All other larceny	1/14/21 18:00	2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
All other larceny	1/14/21 23:00	2000 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Bar, Nightclub
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/10/21 23:00	1100 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Restaurant
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/22/21 6:00	1000 BLOCK CALIFORNIA ST	Restaurant
Counterfeiting, forgery	1/10/21 23:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Restaurant
Destruction, damage, vandalism	1/11/21 13:00	1000 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Destruction, damage, vandalism	1/31/21 17:00	1500 BLOCK WELCH	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
False pretenses, swindle	1/26/21 1:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Restaurant
False pretenses, swindle	1/29/21 2:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Restaurant
Intimidation	1/1/21 15:00	1000 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Drug Store, Doctors Office, Hospital
Intimidation	1/18/21 22:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Restaurant
Simple assault	1/20/21 23:00	1300 BLOCK PEDEN	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Theft from building	1/14/21 23:00	2000 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Bar, Nightclub
Theft from motor vehicle	1/2/21 17:00	1200 BLOCK PEDEN	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Theft from motor vehicle	1/6/21 12:00	1100 BLOCK BOMAR ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	1/8/21 18:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Weapon law violations	1/22/21 0:00	2000 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Bar, Nightclub

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Editor's Note: Due to the Stay Home, Work Safe order, all patrols have been temporarily suspended. Be sure to know who your neighbors are and check in on them!