

Hyde Park News

January 2020

Letter from the President



Howdy Hyde Park,
Winter in Houston!
Makes me wonder
how I managed to get
through winters in
Baltimore and New York
in my more youthful

years. It's been pretty great, and I hope we get to enjoy more temperate weather for January. With the end of the holiday season (and the start of a new decade!), I hope you feel renewed and excited about Hyde Park and our community.

HOLIDAY FUN IN HYDE PARK

Riva's once again hosted a flamboyant and fun holiday dinner for the Hyde Park community. A special thanks to Former President **Macy Bodenhamer** for organizing the dinner with Riva's and to all of you who made it such a celebratory evening.

December is a busy month for the Hyde Park community. We decorated a beautiful Christmas tree in Lamar Park on the morning of Saturday, December 7th. It's a fun activity for the kids. Make sure to bring yours when we decorate the tree next year. The Christmas tree is donated to Hyde Park by the generosity of **Dimitri Fetokakis** and **Niko Niko's**. Tell them thanks next time you go by for some delicious Greek food.

On the evening of December 18th, we also had a well-attended sing-along in Lamar Park. Deed Restrictions Committee Member **Barry Baumgarten** generously donated hot chocolate from Campesino Coffee House for all in attendance. Hope y'all enjoyed all of the holiday cheer. It doesn't happen without the hard work of volunteers like **Membership Committee Chair Helen Zunka**.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Days before we went to print, we found out that our speaker for January from 90.1 KPFT Pacifica Radio is no longer able to attend. We are working on an alternate

speaker. If we don't have one, we will have a general session to discuss ideas from the community such as organizing block parties throughout Hyde Park.

For February, we will have a speaker from the Montrose TIRZ come and speak about all the work they are doing for the greater Montrose area. It will be a great chance to have your voice heard by the decision-makers, so I hope you can make it!

In March, we will try to get **District C City Councilmember Elect Abie Kamin** to come speak to the community. We will need ideas for speakers in April and beyond, so please send your ideas for future presenters to president@hydeparkhouston.org. One idea we have is to bring in someone to speak about the 2020 census. Let us know if you like that idea!

WHAT'S GOING ON

I am happy to announce that the Board appointed **Melissa Zarikian** to the Lamar Park Committee. Melissa will work with the Board to address issues for the park and liaise with the City on ways to improve our ability to enjoy the park. Please welcome Melissa aboard.

We will have a membership drive in January. If you are on our Facebook page, then you will likely see the posts. Please consider joining the civic association if you are not already a member.

VOLUNTEERS

We are in desperate need of volunteers for the organization. If you have any time to give, please consider getting involved on the Board or in one of the other volunteer positions. Feel free to reach to any of us if you are interested. If you have any interest in these positions, please contact me at president@hydeparkhouston.org.

See ya,

Chris Delphin, President

This Month

> Civic Association Meeting

January 7th @ 7pm

Rudyard's Upstairs

> HPCA Happy Hour

January 21 @ 6pm

The Phoenix

1817 Westheimer

Next Month

> Civic Association Meeting

Speaker from Montrose TIRZ

February 4th @ 7pm

Rudyard's Upstairs

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HPCA Events & Activities

National Night Out
Hyde Park News
Neighborhood Happy Hours
Holiday Events in Hyde Park
Local Clean Up

Some HPCA Issues

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A Little Bit of Magic in Hyde Park!

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

Hyde Park Elves were busy on Saturday December 7th decorating the tree in Lamar Park. The tree was donated by Niko Niko's and we thank them so much for doing this year after year.



HPD Crime Reports for November 2019

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Location
Aggravated Assault	11/2/2019 1:00	900 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	11/7/2019 22:00	1600 Block HAZEL
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	11/30/2019 3:00	1200 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Destruction, damage, vandalism	11/2/2019 22:00	2300 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Drunkenness	11/12/2019 1:00	1100 Block CALIFORNIA ST
Pocket-picking	11/10/2019 15:00	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Robbery	11/19/2019 19:00	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Robbery	11/21/2019 15:00	2300 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Robbery	11/30/2019 3:00	2700 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Shoplifting	11/28/2019 21:00	900 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Simple assault	11/17/2019 2:00	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from building	11/3/2019 1:00	2000 Block WAUGH DR
Theft from motor vehicle	11/18/2019 17:00	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from motor vehicle	11/20/2019 19:00	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from motor vehicle	11/21/2019 13:00	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft from motor vehicle	11/22/2019 21:00	2500 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Theft from motor vehicle	11/22/2019 23:00	1700 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Theft from motor vehicle	11/30/2019 17:00	2000 Block MONTROSE BLVD



2020 Monthly HPCA Meeting Schedule

Submitted by Past President Macy Bodenhamer

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. Rudyard's British Pub generously donates their upstairs space to host our meetings. Come early or stay late to enjoy their delicious food and beverages!

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.

- January 7
- February 4
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- June 2
- July - No meeting. Summer break.
- August 4
- September 1
- October 6 - National Night Out (?)
- November 3
- December TBD Holiday Party

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Submitted by Cliff Jones

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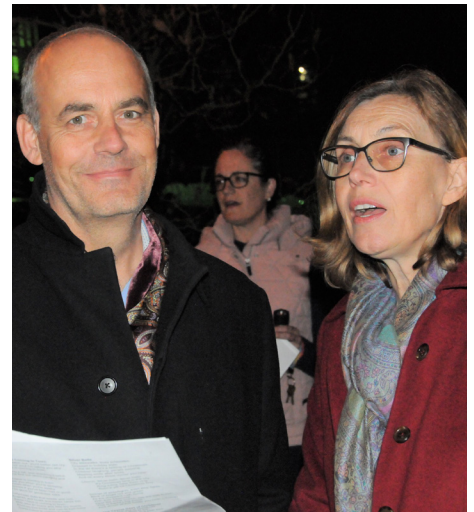
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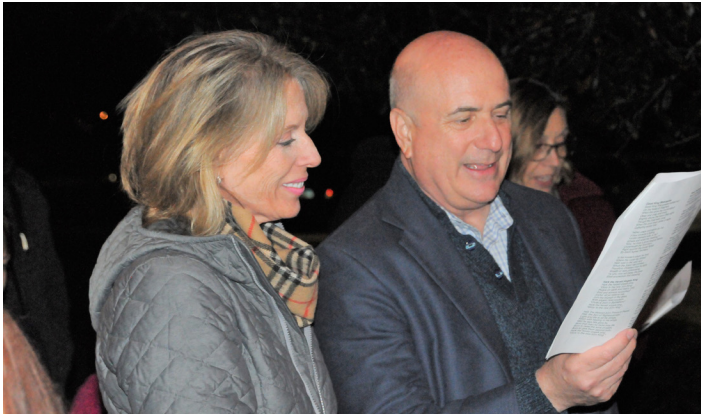
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HAPPY HOUR
The Phoenix
1915 Westheimer
JAN 21st, 6PM - 8PM

A-Caroling We Go!

Submitted by Helen Zunka

On the evening of December 18th around 35 Hyde Parkers met in Lamar Park for the 4th annual Holiday Caroling event. Residents gathered in the chilly evening to sip hot chocolate, munch on tasty cookies and sing holiday favorites. We missed former residents and Bill and Emily who led our previous events, but we welcomed a new ensemble of players and singers who were great: **Shannon Schaefer, Morgan Gates, Mark Dellagiacoma, and Ashley Maydwell-Jennings** from +KINDRED. Thanks to **Mike McKann** and **Barry Baumgarten** for providing the hot chocolate and coffee, and to **Ellen Pollard** for baking the delicious red velvet cookies.





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Hyde Out #50: What I am Looking Forward to Seeing in 2020

Submitted by Mary Ellen Whitworth



There are many exciting visual and performing arts in 2020. Here is a sampling of what I am going to see.

Samuel Beckett's Ladies Night: Come and Go, Rockaby, Footfalls, Not I, at Mildred's Umbrella, performed at the REC Room, January 9-11, 12-13, 16-18. These shorts explore the human condition by the voices of women and feature talented local actors and directors. All tickets are pay-what-you-can. www.mildredsumbrella.com

The Realistic Jones at 4th Wall, January 17 to February 8 performed at Studio 101. This play is written by Will Eno, who has received numerous awards for his playwriting. I have seen several of his plays and he is very funny in a fresh and realistic way. www.4thwalltheatreco.com

Water by the Spoonful, at Stages in The Gordy, February 7-23. I had a preview of the new Gordy in the fall and the space is wonderful. There are three performance stages: Sterling Stage has 251 seats with 4 rows on the first level and 2 rows on the second level, no columns to block your view, Lester and Sue Smith stage has 223 seats 3 rows on the first level and 1 on the second level, no columns to block your view and the Rochelle and Max Levit Stage can have up to 135 seats with varying configurations. The parking garage is now open for \$5 (cash or credit card).

Norman Rockwell, American Freedom will be at the Museum of Fine Arts until March 22. The exhibit includes paintings, illustrations, prints, and more by Rockwell (1894-1978) and many of his contemporaries, including Walker Evans and Dorothea Lange. You must purchase tickets to attend unless you are a museum member. www.mfah.org

The Book of Grace at Catastrophic Theatre, April 3-26 at MATCH. The play is by Suzan-Lori Parks who was the first African American woman to win a Pulitzer Prize. She is a wonderful writer and I'm sure this play will be outstanding. All tickets are pay-what-you-can. www.catastrophictheatre.com

This will be the last of my regular monthly columns, but I will continue to be active in the Hyde Park Civic Association as they are doing a lot of work with very few participants. Please consider volunteering even if it is a one-time event only. And support our theatres, museums, performing and visual artists, they can't make it without you.

Editor's Note:

Mary Ellen's contributions have been invaluable as we pull together the newsletter from scratch every month. I appreciate the considerable time and effort it takes to research Houston's vibrant arts scene.



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Making Spirits Bright

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

The HPCA Holiday Party was held at Riva's on Monday December 2nd. Riva's, as usual, did a splendid job of making all of us feel welcome. I believe this dinner got us all in the Christmas mood. How could we not be while looking at the beautiful display of Christmas decorations? I think there were more than last year. That is hard to imagine but I believe it is true! Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful tradition. And thank you to Mike and all the staff for hosting our holiday dinner. This is a tradition that Hyde Park residents look forward to all year long and Riva's makes it wonderful! Thank you again.





Did You Know?

Submitted by Chris Delphin

The City holds a Christmas Tree Recycling program through January 26, 2020. Go to houstontx.gov/solidwaste/tree2020.html for more information on where you can take you tree for recycling. There are 25 free drop-off recycling site located throughout the Houston area. They don't take tree stands, tinsel, garland, ornaments or plastic bags and no flocked trees. Alternatively, you can leave your tree on the curb on Tree Waste Day (January 8). Also, please consider whether the wrapping paper you are disposing is recyclable. Not all wrapping paper is recyclable. Look for a label!





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JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Recycling	30 Recycling	31	1 New Year's Day	2 Tree Waste	3	4
5	6	7 HPCA Monthly Meeting @ Rudz 7pm	8	9	10	11
12 Recycling	13 Recycling	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 M L King Day	21 Happy Hour @6pm The Phoenix	22	23	24	25
26 Recycling	27 Recycling	28	29	30	31	1

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