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JULY 2019

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Letter from the Vice President



Howdy Hyde Park,
Ooh its hot! Between the torrential storms and the hot, humid weather, we're experiencing a real Houston summer... and I love it! As I mentioned last month, the alternation between hot steamy days

and thunderous, cooling storms are what makes Houston summers exciting. Here's to summer in Houston!

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

I enjoyed our June meeting. Our guest speaker was Amy Reed, the executive director of Keep Houston Beautiful. It was a great opportunity to learn something new about an organization that has serviced Houston for a long time. Not only did they organize the city-wide clean-up on April (rescheduled to May), they also work with the City on programming to educate people on how to keep our communities clean. I think it's a great idea to keep up our engagement with Keep Houston Beautiful and organize clean-ups around Hyde Park at least twice a year. The Board liked this idea as well and suggested we organize a clean-up in November. I hope you'll join me!

Reminder – no meeting is scheduled for July. We're working on getting a representative from the Montrose TIRZ to speak at our August meeting. Hope you're enjoying the summer.

Please send your ideas for future presenters to vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org.

WHAT'S GOING ON

I had the chance to make it for the June happy hour at Vinoteca Poscol. Not only did we enjoy nice Italian wines and the best cheese and meat plate in Montrose, but we also got the chance to catch up with neighbors and learn a little about the people who live in Hyde Park. We also learned that

Spain is a great place to retire so we should all aim for that! Hope you can join our next one.

Our volunteer appreciation reception will be in August. If you have at any time volunteered on behalf of Hyde Park, please look out for your invitation to a food and drink extravaganza at Rudyard's. We'll have the date finalized for the invitees in the coming weeks!

On the negative side, we have received reports that crime is on the rise this summer. An impassioned letter from our friends at Riva's really brought the point home to members of the Board. Our neighborhood is a thriving area for restaurants, social venues and the infrequent property crime that comes with it. As residents, we must remember to be aware of our surroundings and any potential dangers. One of the disappointing things about our investigations of these incidences is that the police appear powerless to address our complaints unless we have proof of the crimes being committed. I'm not a huge fan of hyper-surveillance in our neighborhood, but I think each of us should consider investing in technology that can keep our neighborhood safe. Perhaps one of our general meetings can be dedicated to a review of the different home surveillance technologies available today. Let me know if that would be an interesting topic of discussion.

We received a good response to our request to attend a District C candidate forum at our general meeting in September. If we want to make it an "event", we'll need volunteers to help out on the day of. Please let me know if you are able to help coordinate candidate arrivals.

VOLUNTEERING AND MEMBERSHIP

We are excited to announce that Cliff Jones has volunteered to coordinate the Citizens on Patrol in our neighborhood following the departure of Bill Galbraith from the neighborhood... and the State! (Bill, we will miss you and Emily and your wonderful

singing voices!) Please extend a word of thanks to Cliff next time you see him!

I'll be frank, we need more volunteers like Cliff. Please consider volunteering with HPCA. You'll see an ad in these pages letting you know what positions need to be filled, though the Board is open to hearing how you can serve as well.

See ya,

Chris Delphin, Vice President

This Month

NO HPCA MEETING - SUMMER BREAK!

HPCA HAPPY HOUR @ ANVIL

July 25th, 6-8pm
1424 Westheimer

anvil
bar & refuge

Next Month

HPCA MONTHLY MEETING @ RUDYARD'S

August 6th - 7pm

HPCA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION @ RUDYARD'S

Date and Time TBA

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HPCA June Meeting Recap

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

The meeting of June 4, 2019 was brought to order by **Chris Delphin** at 7:00. There were about 20 people in attendance. **Amy Reed**, the executive director of Keep Houston Beautiful was our guest speaker. She said Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) first opened in 1979 and is an affiliate of both Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful. The main purpose of KHB is to educate people on how to keep their community clean. They do this in several ways-social media, speaking engagements, and different events held as a block parties. Speaking at schools and having the children interact is another good way to educate children from an early age. They also have summer camps. Right now an app is being developed to help people understand recycling. They are also creating campaigns and ads. Ms. Reed was asked where their funding comes from. She said donations, grants, foundations, Golf tournaments and 5 K's all help them obtain the money needed for their program. They have received a large grant from Coca Cola. Ten years ago KHB was teaching about recycling. Now they continue to educate on what to recycle. The following is a quick list of what you can and cannot recycle. You can recycle aluminum cans, newspaper, steel cans, magazines, corrugated cardboard, paper, plastics (lids removed), and glass. Pizza boxes cannot be recycled as well as light bulbs, Pyrex, ceramics, and mirrors, Christmas lights and wrapping paper. Batteries cannot be recycled but some drug stores have places where they can be dropped off. The same is true for plastic bags. Unfortunately 40% of the items in recycling bins are contaminated and therefore cannot be recycled.

Ms. Reed also discussed the Adopt a Drain Program. You can adopt a drain and clean around it 4 times a year, as well as anytime there is a severe threat of storms. If you want to know more about this program you can visit HoustonAdoptADrain.org.

Homelessness was another issue discussed. HPD is performing Tent City Sweeps which help but this is a temporary fix. The city of Irving, near Dallas, has implemented a program where they pay the homeless to pick up trash. So far it has proven successful.

Trash from fast food restaurants was the next topic raised. If you think a business is not taking care of their property you can call 311. The city will interact with the business. A community outreach team will come out and inspect the premises and talk with the owners. The dumpster must always be fenced in and the fence closed. There is a problem that much of the restaurant trash is littered by people leaving the restaurant. In many places, public trash cans are visible but trash is thrown on the ground. Our own Keep Houston Beautiful teams went through our neighborhood and picked up 30 bags of trash. We all need to be more careful. We may decide to have this event a few times during the year. Lots of helpers are welcome.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chris discussed that we are in great need of volunteers. As was stated in the previous newsletter, we need a Coordinator for Citizen's Patrol, a Webmaster and email Guru, a Volunteer Coordinator, a block captain for Missouri and a President. We will also need volunteers to help with National Night Out. In September we are hoping to have a forum of candidates seeking office in District C. Please help where you can.

A few additional issues were brought up. One couple is having a sewage problem on Maryland. A question was asked about the traffic situation. The Board needs to initiate a traffic study. This was the first meeting that started at the new meeting time of 7:00 PM. We hope that will end up being a better time. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.



Happy Hour at Vinoteca Poscol

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

The Happy Hour at Vinoteca Poscol was wonderful. Neighbors got reacquainted and new friends were made. These HH's are a great way to visit and have fun. Please consider joining us for the next one at Anvil on July 25th!

Poscol's has quite a nice menu including flat breads, pasta, baby octopus, peppers, olives and more. The restaurant was lovely and the staff very attentive and accommodating. It was a fun time!

Did You Know? – Curbside Recycling

Submitted by Chris Delphin

We are very fortunate to have a curbside recycling program in Houston. The program accepts newspaper, magazines, color ad inserts, office paper, mail, telephone books, tin, aluminum, empty aerosol cans, plastic bottles and jugs (marked with a #1 - #5, and #7, recycling symbol). The city accepts glass bottles and jars made from clear, green and brown glass. All materials should be loose inside the bin – **DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES.**

You may place recyclable materials together in the same bin/cart. Overflow materials can be put in a separate paper grocery bag and placed on top or on the side of your green bin (18-gallon bin only). Corrugated cardboard must be broken down into 3 x 3 foot squares. Used motor oil is also accepted when placed in it's original container or an empty plastic 1-gallon milk or water bottle. Oil must be placed to the side of the cart/bin for collection. Hope this helps information helps. I learned a thing or two when I got this information!!


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HPD Crime Reports for May 2019

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Location
Aggravated Assault	5/17/2019 1:40	2500 Block WAUGH DR
Auto Theft	5/12/2019 10:51	1500 Block CALIFORNIA ST
Auto Theft	5/26/2019 23:07	1400 Block CALIFORNIA ST
Burglary Building	5/1/2019 11:06	1700 Block WAUGH DR
Burglary Building	5/10/2019 6:32	1200 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Building	5/22/2019 2:34	1200 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Building	5/28/2019 4:00	1300 Block W GRAY ST
Burglary Habitation	5/4/2019 18:47	2300 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/1/2019 23:10	1700 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/3/2019 13:42	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/6/2019 13:43	2700 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/7/2019 1:34	1700 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/7/2019 16:58	1700 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/9/2019 6:39	2400 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/17/2019 15:53	1200 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/21/2019 23:42	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/23/2019 7:04	2000 Block WAUGH DR
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/23/2019 21:38	1500 Block CALIFORNIA ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/24/2019 1:37	1200 Block MISSOURI ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/24/2019 2:22	1200 Block MISSOURI ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/24/2019 23:51	1200 Block JACKSON BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/27/2019 11:15	1200 Block MISSOURI ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/28/2019 10:02	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/29/2019 8:34	2600 Block YOAKUM BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	5/30/2019 21:56	1400 Block CALIFORNIA ST
Theft - All Other Items	5/7/2019 14:16	900 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft - All Other Items	5/25/2019 17:52	1300 Block WELCH ST
Theft - All Other Items	5/27/2019 6:17	1500 Block MISSOURI ST
Theft - All Other Items	5/29/2019 10:22	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft - Bicycle	5/29/2019 9:18	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft - Shoplifting	5/17/2019 8:18	900 Block WESTHEIMER RD



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July 25th, 6-8pm
Anvil Bar & Refuge
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We need volunteers!

We are currently looking to fill the following positions immediately:

National Night Out

Webmaster and Email Guru

Volunteer Coordinator

Missouri Block Captain

President

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Submitted by Mary Ellen Whitworth

Boy falls in love with a girl, the girl marries an undertaker and breaks the boy's heart. "Speeding Motorcycle" is the name of the current production of Catastrophic Theater and it is a MUST SEE in July. The play is based on music that Daniel Johnston wrote over many years. Johnston is not only a musician he is also a cartoonist. The story isn't a true telling of his life, "it's a story that's about all of us because it's about love and loneliness and happiness and sadness and the struggle to hope".

I saw the play in 2006 and loved it. The current production is even more wonderful-at times I wanted to cry and the next moment I was laughing. Great music, great acting, what more could you ask for? The production is at MATCH and plays Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until August 4. All tickets are Pay-What-You-Can.

www.catastrophictheatre.com, www.matchhouston.org, or 713-521-4633

Another great outing in July is the visit Art League Houston. There are three exhibits that run through July 20. Daniel Heimbinder's exhibit, *So It Will Be*, consists of three large drawings that have never been displayed together before. The drawings are apocalyptic and beyond description for me but this is a Houston artist that deserves to be seen.

The hallway is filled with Ankara fabric scraps (African wax print) that were collected from seamstresses across Africa, Trinidad and Tobago and New York. The artist is Tijay Mohammed and the exhibit is titled, "Ubuntu: I am because we are". The installation also includes portraits of women created using an airbrush with black and white acrylic Paint on stiff fabric. It is very beautiful.

www.artleaguehouston.org

Even though it is hot, venture out and see the play and the exhibits-there is no cost to see the Art League artists and Catastrophic is pay what you can.

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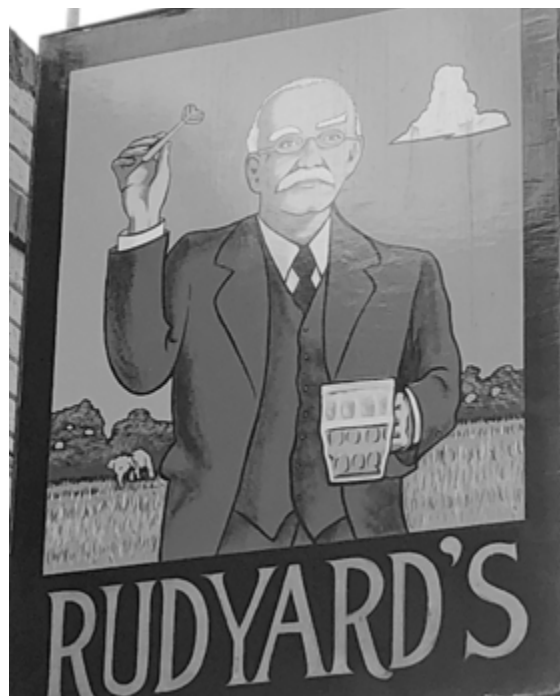
Hyde Park Civic Association – 2019 Monthly Meeting Schedule

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.

- July – summer break, no meeting
- August 6
- September 3
- October – National Night Out TBD
- November 5
- December – HPCA Holiday Party TBD



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