

HYDE PARK

MARCH 2019

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Letter from the Vice President



Howdy Hyde Park,

Spring is just around the corner! I know we haven't had a bad winter, but I for one am excited for a Spring weather in Houston. It's usually short lived as we go straight into Summer weather, but I am hoping that the "early Spring" promised by the groundhog syndicate will play out in full for Houston. Our (almost) monthly happy hour was at Pimlico on February 21st. For those of you able to join the neighborhood crew, we hope you enjoyed meeting new and old friends for a drink and some light bites. Photos from the event are in these pages.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Once again... I wasn't able to attend the general meeting on February 5th. It was my birthday and I was travelling back from a long weekend in Asheville, North Carolina. Once again, the community came out in good numbers to talk about the issues affecting our neighborhood. We had a visit from Sallie Alcorn, who is running for City Council At Large Position Number 5. We also met Kelli Estes from Lone Star Lyric. Check out their production of "Another British Invasion" starting April 26th at The Match Theater. In case you were not able to attend the general meeting, please send your ideas to vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org.

Following the meeting, I received a note from a member noting that the meeting space at Rudyard's is not accessible for our neighbors with mobility disabilities. The space we use at Rudyard's is provided to the civic association gratis and provides reasonable space and privacy for conducting civic association business. I understand that it is frustrating to be unable to attend meetings where issues you care about are being discussed. If you are affected by this situation, please send me or others on the Board a note and we will see how we can accommodate your needs for the meeting, whether by presenting issues you care about to the association or soliciting your feedback on particular issues.

WHAT'S GOING ON

We will welcome Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen at our next general meeting on March 5th. Councilwoman Cohen has served the City since 2012, now on her third term on the Council. This is usually our most-attended general meeting, so come early, order some food and a beer or two and bring loads of questions!

Mary Ellen Whitworth and Avery Hodge are organizing a trash pick-up day with Keep Houston Beautiful on April 6th. Check out Mary Ellen's article in these pages on the event and sign up! Avery also has a post to help get volunteers. We may also have an afternoon drink at Hay Merchant afterwards to celebrate service the community! Look for details on our Facebook page as well! Hope to see you there!

Also, please join us at our next Happy Hour on March 20th 6-8pm at The Burger Joint. We'll be sampling their yummy shakes. Yes, free samples! Families and children are welcome.

See ya,

Chris Delphin, Vice President

This Month

HPCA MEETING @ RUDZ UPSTAIRS

Mar. 5th @ 6:30pm
Guest speaker: **Mayor Pro Tem
Ellen Cohen**



HPCA HAPPY HOUR @ THE BURGER JOINT

March 20th, 6-8pm



Next Month

HPCA MEETING @ RUDZ April 2nd @ 6:30pm

KEEP HOUSTON BEAUTIFUL: HYDE PARK CLEAN UP

April 6th @ Hyde Park
Register by March 27th!

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Minutes from February 2019 Civic Club Meeting

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

The meeting February 5, 2019 was called to order at 6:40 by **Pastor Ashley**. There were 21 attendees.

Pastor Ashley announced it would be Open Forum night and people could discuss whatever they wanted. **Sallie Alcorn** who is running for City Council At Large Position 5 introduced herself and said she was anxious to hear about our concerns. She has worked at City Hall for 10 years and would like to see "Less cement, more green space". She asked us to remember her as "Sallie for the City".

Avery Hodge (Volunteer Coordinator) introduced himself and talked about the fountain. A committee is being formed under the leadership of **David Ellis** to discuss the future of the fountain and he asked for all interested to sign up for this committee.

There was an update on the dog incident on Willard. The dog has never been found and we are assuming the man who got bit had to undergo the painful rabies shots. Other topics that were discussed were the bad condition of our roads, especially Van Buren, the El Tiempo complex, and the former Corazon location. Lots of townhomes and complexes will be going in those spaces.

Kelli Estes from Lone Star Lyric attended the meeting and talked about upcoming shows at The Match Theater in midtown. The next show will be Another British Invasion starting April 26.

Pastor Ashley said that Montrose Grace Place at Kindred Church will be collecting black hair care products during Black History Month. Feel free to drop your donations off at the Church.

We asked for suggestions for future speakers. Some of the ideas were Alan Rosen, Legacy, Buffalo Bayou (since Harvey), Vanguard School and a traffic study for our neighborhood.

People stated their favorite things about living in Hyde Park—Rudyard's, Lamar Park, walking everywhere, eclectic mix of old and new, trees and that it is quirky!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deed Restrictions—Mike McKann said there has been a lot of police activity on West Drew where the new townhomes are being built. Squatters have been chased away. There has been a tree removal request on Willard.

Membership—Helen Zunka discussed ways to join our Civic Club and the advantages to joining. Last year we had less than 200 people join. Suggestions were made about how to get more people to sign up, including a welcome packet for new people in Hyde Park and more of a focus on renters. Happy Hour for this month will be at Pimlico's on February 21 from 6-8.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Did You Know?

Submitted by Chris Delphin

The Citizen Patrol program with the Houston Police Department is an important component of committed deployed by the City to enhance the delivery of police service to the citizens of Houston. The Citizen Patrol program brings citizens and HPD together for a common goal: improving the quality of life in our neighborhood by eliminating crime. Citizen Patrollers are the additional eyes and ears the police can count on to make Houston a safe place to live and work. HPCA is looking for a new coordinator of our Citizens on Patrol group. Check out the call for volunteers in these pages.

March Speaker Profile: Ellen Cohen, Mayor Pro Tem

Ellen Cohen has lived and worked in the city of Houston for the past 40 years. After serving two terms in the Texas Legislature, Ellen decided to continue her public service career at home. She ran for Houston City Council, and was sworn into office in January 2012 as the Council Member representing District C. In 2016, she was named by Mayor Turner and elected by her fellow Council Members as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Houston. She is currently serving her third term on Council.



Happy Hour at Pimlico

Submitted by Helen Zunka

Our February Happy Hour was held on a cold rainy Thursday night at Pimlico Irish pub on Waugh across the street from Whole Foods. It was like being transported to Ireland. If you've never been there before, check it out! 10 hardy Hyde Park residents braved the weather to enjoy beer, wine, and hard cider. Thanks to Pimlico for hosting our group! See you at The Burger Joint on March 20th from 6-8pm for beer, wine, shakes, and of course burgers.

Hyde Out

Submitted by Mary Ellen Whitworth

LET'S CLEAN UP HYDE PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6 FROM 9 TO 2

We've talked about litter and how much we dislike it. Now let's do something about it. Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) is sponsoring clean-ups around the City on Saturday, April 6. We have registered Hyde Park Civic Association as a designated site. All you have to do is register on-line at: <https://form.jotform.com/90404480759158>

Deadline for registration is March 27th. Specify that you are registering for the Hyde Park Civic Association site, sign the waiver and submit. We are estimating 20 volunteers and children are welcome.

KHB supplies gloves, safety vests, trash bags, rakes, hoes and other equipment which we will pick up and distribute. Our plan is to clean from Montrose to Yupon and from Westheimer to West Gray. We will meet at 9:00 AM at Lamar Park. Please wear comfortable clothing, closed toe shoes and sunscreen and bug spray if needed.

We will provide beverages and snacks and maybe a prize for most unusual piece of litter. It will be work, but also fun. You can call Tom at 713-523-8035 if you have questions.

According to Keep America Beautiful - "Packaging litter comprises nearly 46% of litter 4 inches and greater. This includes fast food, snack, tobacco, and other product packaging. And 61% of beverage containers 4 inches or greater on U.S. roadways are soft drink and beer containers."

Let's make Hyde Park the cleanest neighborhood in Montrose!

Call for Volunteers!

Submitted by Avery Hodge

After hearing the voices of the community at our last meeting in January, the Hyde Park Civic Association is looking for Volunteers to assist a new Sub-Committee headed by **Resident David Ellis**. This Committee has been tasked to work with the Houston Parks Department to continue the restoration process that was started years ago. The money raised by the initial fundraiser is still set aside and can only be used for the fountain; all repairs and restoration must be approved through the parks department. As initial estimates and the repairs needed might have changed over this duration of time, we are looking for as much help as possible to assist David in navigating the appropriate channels to get our Beautiful Historic Dolphin Fountain running and restored to its former glory as the oldest running fountain in Houston!

CITIZEN PATROL COORDINATOR

Our beloved **Bill Galbraith** is soon on to his next adventure in Oregon, with his wife Emily. A huge thank you to him and his efforts over the years. We are hoping another kind soul will volunteer for this position.

If you are interested in getting involved in this project, or any other volunteering opportunities with HPCA, please reach out to Volunteer@HydeParkHouston.org.

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CITIZENS PATROL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019

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Submitted by Bill Galbraith

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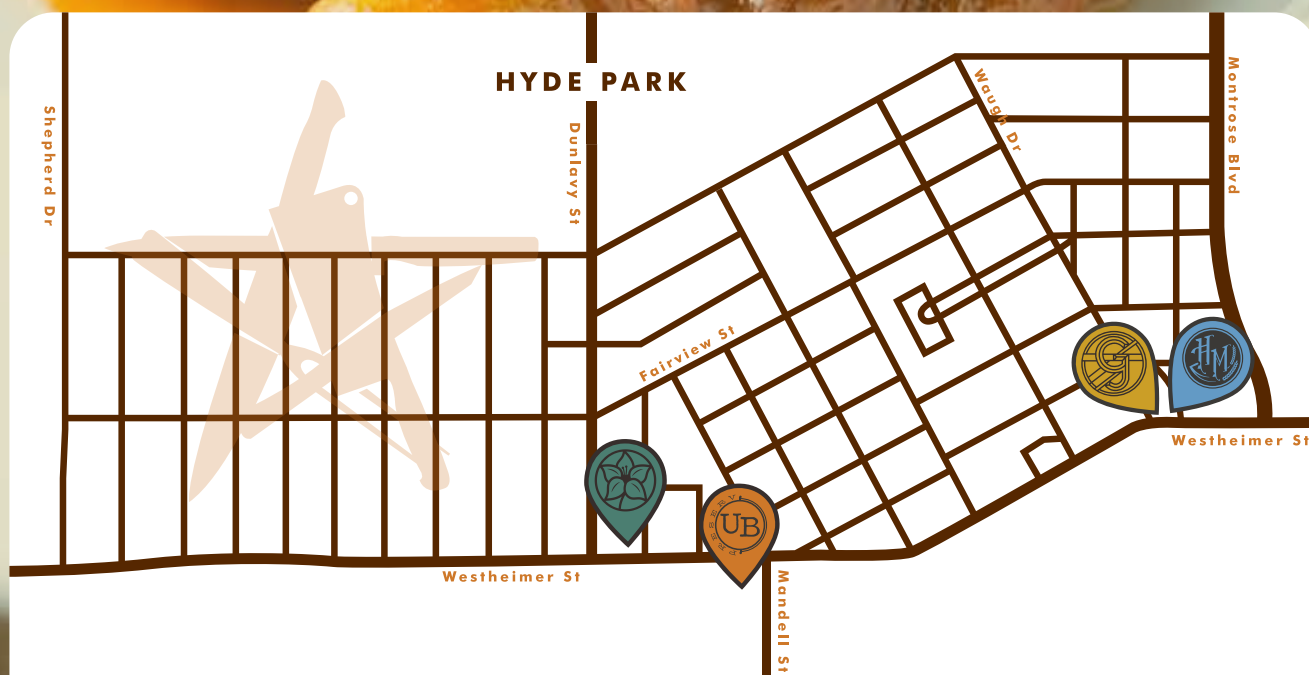
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Hyde Park Civic Association – 2019 Monthly Meeting Schedule

Submitted by Past President Macy Bodenhamer

Monthly meetings are open to the public and held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, 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.

- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- July – summer break, no meeting
- August 6
- September - TBD
- October – National Night Out TBD
- November 5
- December – HPCA Holiday Party TBD

HPD Crime Reports for Dec 2018

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Location
Agg Assault	1/29/2019 18:10	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Auto Theft	1/1/2019 4:31	1200 Block WELCH ST
Burglary Habitation	1/1/2019 13:07	1200 Block JACKSON BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/1/2019 23:21	1100 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/3/2019 21:40	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/5/2019 14:36	2000 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/6/2019 22:00	1200 Block HYDE PARK BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/8/2019 15:21	1100 Block FAIRVIEW AVE
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/10/2019 19:59	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/18/2019 9:58	1500 Block MICHIGAN ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/18/2019 23:15	2500 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/19/2019 0:35	1200 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/21/2019 19:54	2500 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/23/2019 21:14	2500 Block WAUGH DR
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/24/2019 1:35	900 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/25/2019 15:14	1400 Block HADDON ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/28/2019 7:15	2400 Block COMMONWEALTH ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/29/2019 15:46	1500 Block CALIFORNIA ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/29/2019 20:17	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/29/2019 20:54	1100 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/30/2019 11:39	1900 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	1/31/2019 16:13	1500 Block HYDE PARK BLVD
Theft - All Other Items	1/10/2019 17:53	1400 Block WELCH

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3	4	5 HPCA Meeting 6:30pm @ Rudyard's	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving	11 Recycling	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Vernal equinox Happy Hour @6pm The Burger Joint	21	22	23
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