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MAY 2019

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## Letter from the Vice President



Howdy Hyde Park,  
It's been a wonderful Spring season in Houston! I hope you have taken the chance to enjoy the glorious weather (in between the short storms that tend to happen on the weekend) and visit

one of the many fantastic outdoor patios in the 'hood. The weather held out for our happy hour this month at La Grange on April 17th. Photos from the event are in these pages.

### APRIL GENERAL MEETING

I quite enjoyed our meeting this last month. Our guest speakers from the City's Traffic Management Division – **Khang Nguyen** and **Megan Campbell** – provided a lot of insight about how the City tackles traffic issues and described what is happening that will affect our community. I felt that Khang and Megan genuinely want to help be helpful and provide solutions to our traffic issues. They suggested that the members of the civic association coordinate with the Board to submit issues directly to their office. I'm happy to coordinate so send me a message if you have issues you want to be shared with the City's Traffic Management Division. This is just one way that we can be proactive to enact change in our neighborhood even if our elected officials feel otherwise.

This month, we are hosting **Amanda Edwards, City Councilwoman for At-Large Seat 4**. I highly encourage attendance on May 7th. It's another opportunity to let your elected officials know what issues are most important to you!

Please send your ideas for future presenters to [vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org).

### WHAT'S GOING ON

Hopefully you got the message that the Keep Houston Beautiful trash pick-up day was postponed because of weather (even though the day turned out quite nice). Well, the trash pick-up day has been rescheduled

for Saturday, May 4, 2019. The change in plans brought about an opportunity to continue having volunteers register. Hopefully you did so by the new deadline on April 26th. I've signed up and hope to see you at 9 am at Lamar Park!

On May 8th, I encourage you to attend the candidate forum for District C hosted by Bayou Blue Democrats and Meyerland Democrats. The forum will take place at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (1805 W Alabama St, Houston, Texas 77098). Confirmed candidates include **Shelley Kennedy, Nick Hellyar** and **Abbie Kamin**. **Jaime Rodriguez** will moderate.

We will host a candidate forum for District C at our general meeting in September. If you would like to help coordinate the event, please contact me at [vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org). There will be a lot to do to coordinate with the various candidates before the event and on the day of the event. I really hope we can get some new blood to help out.

We decided to start our general meetings 30 minutes later than usual, beginning in June. Starting at 7pm will give more people time to order food and drinks before the meeting. We also hope this change can improve attendance. Keep in mind that Rudyard's is currently doing pop-up menus on Tuesdays, so the menu changes each week. The additional time will also allow you to figure out what to eat!

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is how we thrive. I encourage you to join if you have not yet joined and thank all who have. Membership dues help fund this newsletter, maintain Lamar Park and more. If you are unsure if you are a current member, please contact our Membership Chair, Helen Zunka.

See ya,

Chris Delphin, Vice President

### This Month

#### KEEP HOUSTON BEAUTIFUL: HYDE PARK CLEAN UP

May 4th @ Hyde Park  
9am-2pm

#### HPCA MEETING @ RUDZ UPSTAIRS

May 7th @ 6:30pm  
Guest Speaker: **Amanda Edwards**, Houston City Council Member in At-Large Position 4

#### HPCA HAPPY HOUR @ PISTOLERO'S

May 23rd, 6-8pm  
1517 Westheimer



### Next Month

#### HPCA MEETING @ RUDZ UPSTAIRS

June 4th @ 7pm

Guest Speaker: **Amy Reed** of Keep Houston Beautiful

#### INTERVIEW WITH HPCA NEWSLETTER PRINTER: KWIK KOPY

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### CITIZENS PATROL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Hours patrolled by car = **29.7**  
Hours patrolled on foot = **68.7**

Thanks to all the patrollers who kept an eye out for the safety of our neighbors and community.

*Submitted by Bill Galbraith*

# HPCA April Meeting Recap

## BLOCK CAPTAINS

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*Submitted by Ellen Pollard*

The meeting of April 2, 2019 was called to order by **Vice President Chris Delphin**. There were 17 attendees.

Chris introduced our guest speakers **Khang Nguyen** and **Megan Campbell** from the Traffic Management Branch of the Public Works Department. This branch is responsible for performing engineering studies, plan reviews and field investigation related to traffic safety, traffic courts, street lighting, school zones, speed humps, railroad safety and quiet zones, view obstructions, neighborhood cut- through traffic and Capital Improvement Plan projects.

Public Works has five service lines - capital improvement, customer account line, permits, Houston water treatment plant, and transportation and drainage operation. The traffic management is in charge of school zones, street lights, lane closures and signals. A new branch has been formed called Structure Planning -Ms Campbell is in charge of this. She works mainly with super neighborhoods. The best way to get in touch is through 311 and you will get rerouted.

The audience had many questions. excessive speeding at Commonwealth and Waugh was sited. This is very close to Wilson Elementary and yet there is no school zone sign. At Commonwealth and Nevada a dog walker was hit by a car. This is a very dark section of the road. Mr. Nguyen said he would look into both of these areas. Potholes were brought up. The Overlay Program where they cover the hole with asphalt was discussed. One resident wanted to do a neighborhood assessment and see if neighbors would chip in to fix the streets. Ms Campbell was not sure if this would be allowed to happen. Bike lanes were also brought up. New bike lanes are 5 feet wide but older ones are 2 to 3 feet wide and more dangerous for the bike rider. Possibly through the Capital Improvement Plan funds, some quick restriping could be done to allow bikers more room. Peden and Bomar Streets are being used as cut-through streets. Residents wanted to know about getting speed humps installed or to get stop signs installed. A traffic study would have to be done and there is probably not enough traffic to warrant either of these. A resident asked about getting a study of our whole neighborhood done instead of calling 311 for each problem. A request can be submitted by the President.

Several interesting websites were mentioned- Buildhoustonforward.org-formally known as ReBuild Houston, publicworkshoustontx.gov/home, Town Halls, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and the Mayor's Safer Streets Initiative. You can find lots of information here. The Safer Street Bill was also brought up. According to this bill, the default speed limit would be lowered from 30 mph to 25 mph. This would apply where other speed limits are not posted - primarily local residential neighborhood streets. Lots of interesting topics were discussed and Chris thanked Mr. Nguyen and Ms Campbell for joining us and helping us with these problems.

The Business Meeting was then called to order. We will be meeting in Lamar Park at 9:00am Saturday April 6 for our part of Keep Houston Beautiful. Tom Whitworth said coffee and donuts would be provided. We may meet after at Rudyard's for some refreshments. And then there was a little update to this-KHB was postponed until May 4. This will give people more time to sign up and join us. So please sign up now!

Treasurer's Report – The balance for March was \$14,446.00. Current expenses include \$1,231.16 for the printing of 2 newsletters, \$140.72 for Lamar Park, and \$50.44 for newsletter software and miscellaneous. Our current balance is \$13,379.84.

Deed Restriction- everything is going nicely. Mandel Montrose looks to be officially closed - signs are down.

Membership- the next Happy Hour will be April 17, 2019 at LaGrange from 6-8.

The meeting was closed at 7:35.

## May HPCA Speaker Profile - City Council Member, Amanda Edwards



**Amanda K. Edwards** serves as the Houston City Council Member in At-Large Position 4. She is also an attorney and native Houstonian with a passion for building communities through public service. Currently, Amanda serves as Vice Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee. She also serves on the Economic Development Committee and the Transportation, Technology and Infrastructure Committee. Amanda strives to innovatively address the city's fiscal challenges and its urban core needs to move all of Houston forward so that it can be the place where the Gulf Coast and the world's future meet.



## Happy Hour Recap - La Grange

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

The weather looked threatening but we still had a good crowd at La Grange for our April Happy Hour. The staff was terrific and tables reserved for us inside. As it turned out we could have been outside but we did great where we were!

Several different beers were tried. We also sampled a selection of food. The Smoked Chicken Flautas were said to be delicious and a great value at \$5.00! The crab stuffed fried avocado was wonderful as you can imagine! Another guest ordered the Costa Rican Tilapia-grilled with Mojo de Ajo sauce which is roasted garlic, lime juice and olive oil. He was not disappointed!

If reading this is making you hungry, come out and join us for the next HH at Pistolero's on May 23rd. We have such fun eating, drinking and visiting with our neighbors!

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## HYDE OUT

### Put on Your Dancing Shoes!

*Submitted by Mary Ellen Whitworth*

If you have never been to the Accordion Kings and Queens at Miller Outdoor Theater this is a not to be missed event. If you have been, then you will be on the dance floor with me. This year's event is on Saturday, June 1 beginning at 7:00 PM and ending at 11:00 PM. The music features the best of Texas accordion music genres, including conjunto, polka, zydeco, and Cajun. It also features an appearance by the Big Squeeze 2019 statewide youth accordion contest winners. The event is free but if you would like reserved seat tickets mailed to you, then join Texas Folk Life before May 17. Memberships begin at \$25 and up. For tickets go to [www.texasfolklife.org/info/membership](http://www.texasfolklife.org/info/membership). As an added benefit of joining you will be entered in a raffle to win some great prizes. Two years ago, my friend won a beautiful accordion worth about \$3,000.



This year you can also attend 30th AKQ Kick-Off Event that will feature the AKQ exhibit of photographs of previous shows, an award ceremony, and live music by Texas accordion stars. This is an all-day event on May 23 at Houston Community College. For complete details go to the web site [www.texasfolklife.org](http://www.texasfolklife.org)

Come early as there are usually 6,000 people in attendance. You can purchase food and drinks at the theater or you can sit on the hill and bring your own. I will see you on the dance floor.

Don't forget, we are having our cleanup of Hyde Park neighborhood on Saturday May 4 from 9 to 12. A clean neighborhood benefits everyone-join us in this effort. If you cannot commit to that day, then just pick up the trash in the street in front of your house. Every little bit helps. Many thanks.

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## Did You Know?

*Submitted by Chris Delphin*

Did you know? ... Graffiti! Is it menace or art? Just kidding. This DYK article is not about whether we should celebrate or spurn graffiti in the neighborhood. Rather, it's about the penalties Houston imposes for those caught doing graffiti. The penalty for graffiti can be a misdemeanor if damage is less than \$500. The offense can also be a felony if damages are more than \$500. The degree of the felony depends on the amount of damage done. A misdemeanor includes a fine, time in jail or both. A City ordinance prohibits any citizen under the age of 17 from purchasing "implements of graffiti," including spray paint and big-tipped markers. Houston treats graffiti as a crime, not a prank.

## Got a big idea?

Newsletter content and story ideas are welcome from Hyde Park residents. In 2019 the deadline will always be the 15th of the month for publication the following month. Reach out to [newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org).

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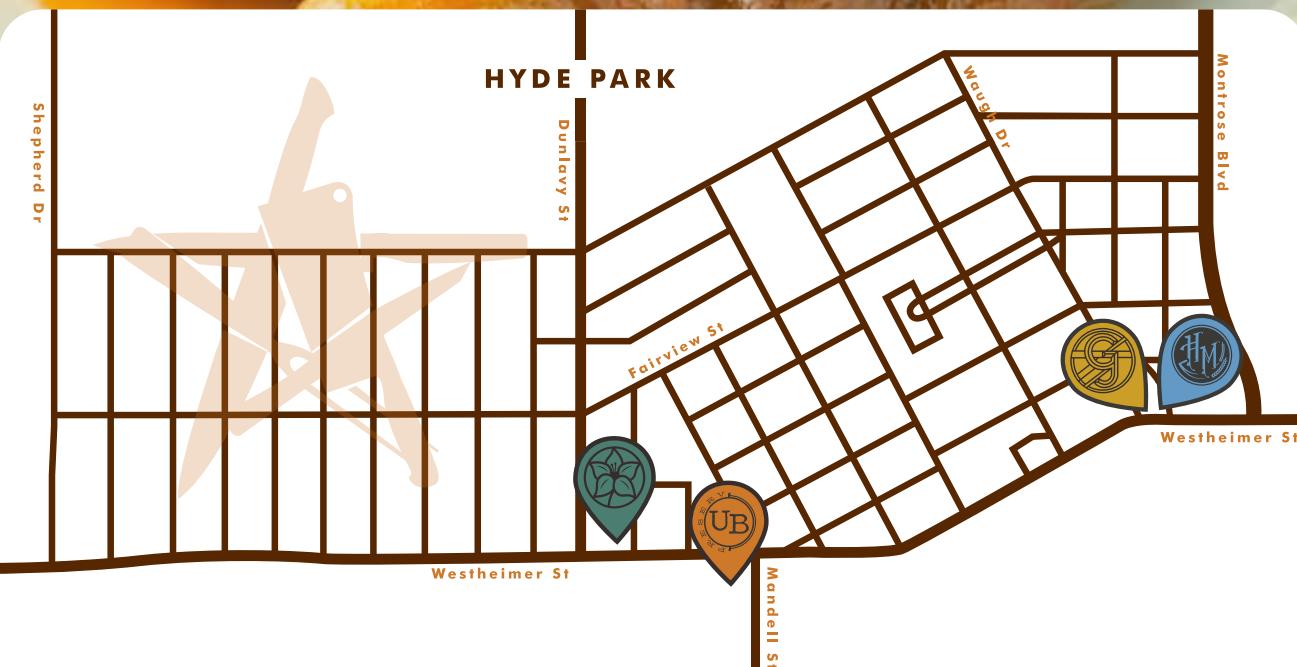
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# Hyde Park Civic Association – 2019 Monthly Meeting Schedule

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.

- May 7
- June 4 (**Note new start time of 7pm**)
- 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 March 2019

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Location
Aggravated Assault	3/21/2019 2:03	2700 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Aggravated Assault	3/27/2019 16:27	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Building	3/26/2019 17:00	1300 Block W GRAY ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/1/2019 13:06	1100 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/13/2019 8:13	1900 Block MONTROSE BLVD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/16/2019 13:50	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/18/2019 14:26	1200 Block PEDEN
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/24/2019 23:54	1200 Block W DREW ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/25/2019 7:04	1500 Block WELCH ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/25/2019 10:38	1300 Block W GRAY ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/25/2019 15:50	1300 Block W GRAY ST
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/27/2019 13:58	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3/28/2019 18:11	1000 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft - All Other Items	3/3/2019 10:55	1300 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft - All Other Items	3/24/2019 21:00	900 Block WESTHEIMER RD
Theft - All Other Items	3/26/2019 19:26	1500 Block MICHIGAN
Theft - From Motor Vehic	3/1/2019 10:28	1400 Block INDIANA ST
Theft - Shoplifting	3/27/2019 23:31	900 Block WESTHEIMER RD

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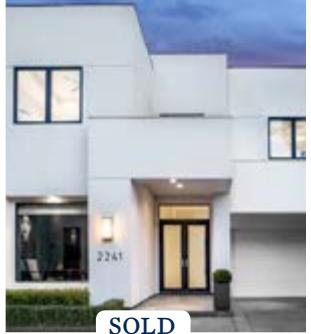
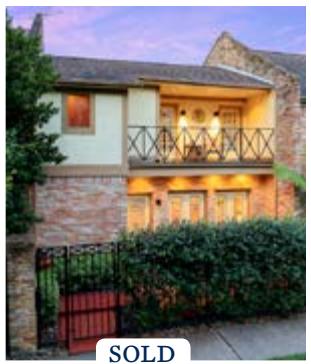
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