

Hyde Park News

Sept 2022

Letter from the President



Howdy Hyde Park,
We made it! We survived the brutal heat of the Summer and made it to September.

Surprisingly, August has not been the scorcher we were expecting. (Confession: I am writing this letter in the middle of the month. Hopefully, we did not experience a high pressure system bringing intense heat and more drought conditions ... or a hurricane.). I'm really looking forward to the Fall and how it will allow for more outdoor dining and drinking in the neighborhood.

We will also be able to enjoy the use of Lamar Park much more in the future. In these pages, check out the news about the proposal to add lighting in the park. I'm really excited that we should have the lights up in time for National Night Out.

I am also excited that we have a new volunteer joining the Board. **Andrew Schaper** has been a resident of Hyde Park for a number of years, and, like many of you, he wants to do what he can to make this a fantastic place to live. Please join me in congratulating Andrew on being appointed Vice President.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Our next in-person meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6th, at 7 pm upstairs at Rudyard's. Our guest speaker will be **Marilu De La Fuente**, the Adoption Program Administrator for Houston Parks and Recreation Department's greenspace division.

There will be lots to talk about with Marilu regarding Lamar Park and the newly functioning Dolphin Fountain. I am particularly interested hearing about the latter.

We will also have in attendance **Laurel Roseborough**, Librarian and Assistant Manager at the Freed-Montrose Neighborhood Library. You may recall that the previous librarian, Rod Hall, visited with us last November. Laurel would like to introduce herself and reinforce the invitation to visit and use the library. She has provided an update on the construction that we have reproduced in these pages.

I hope to see you there.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Happy hour was truly a happy time. This month, we met up at The Flat on Commonwealth on August 16th for drinks and snacks. There were over 20 of us in attendance! The Flat is a really cool and hip place. You should definitely check it out. (I particularly enjoyed the frozen sangria, though I heard the frozen mojito is very good!). Our next HPCA Happy Hour will be at Brasil (2604 Dunlavy Street) on September 15th starting at 5:00 pm. Drop by any time; we will be there for a while. Have a coffee, an adult beverage or simply a sparkling water.

The Board has discussed expanding the membership offerings to include associate memberships for our pets. We were thinking that the associate members could have an opportunity to be the "pet of the month" for the neighborhood and have their photo

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September Events

➤ HPCA General Meeting

September 6th @ 7pm

Rudyard's on Waugh

Guest Speaker - Marilu De La Fuente from Houston Parks and Recreation

➤ HPCA Get Together (GTG)

September 15th 5pm - 7ish

Brasil

2604 Dunlavy

Enjoy coffee, adult beverages and Families Welcome!!



**National Night Out -
October 4 @ 6:30PM in
Lamar Park**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

info@hydeparkhouston.org
**New sign ups and renewals
are good for the entire 2023
calendar year.**

**It's the perfect time
to renew your HPCA
membership for 2023!**
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President's Letter

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included in the newsletter. I think it's a cute idea. What do you think of the idea?

Planning for National Night Out festivities in October is in full swing. **Cliff Jones** is leading the effort to make the return of National Night Out to Hyde Park a triumph. Those of you who have resided in Hyde Park before the Pandemic may recall that this is a really big event for our neighborhood! It is a great chance to meet the police officers and constables that patrol our neighborhood and provide invaluable services to the community. Moreover, come and meet your neighbors and enjoy delicious food and drinks. The food and drinks are donated by our amazing community restaurants and businesses. We will need volunteers to make all of this happen. Reach out to info@hydeparkhouston.org if you are interested in helping.

Don't forget that we have a Facebook page for members of the Hyde Park Civic Association. It is a private group, so you will need to request access.

VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD VACANCIES

We remain in need of volunteers for the Hyde Park Civic Association, including volunteers to help with National Night Out and filling the vacant roles on the Board. NNO volunteers are needed to solicit food and drink donations, picking up the food donations and setting up and tearing down at the event. Please give some thought to volunteering so that we can put on a successful NNO. If you have any time to give back to our neighborhood by getting involved on the Board or in one of the other volunteer positions is a truly worthwhile endeavor! The vacant roles include Secretary and Membership Chair. Reach out to any of us if you are interested. Stay safe everyone.

See ya,

Chris Delphin, President

Friends and Fun at The Flat!

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

Such a fun evening at The Flat! It was great visiting with familiar faces and also meeting lots of new folks! The drinks, pizza and service were all great. Meet us next month at Brasil- September 15th at 5:00! See you there!





What a great group of Hyde Parkers supporting local at The Flat in August!

HPCA
Now accepting
nominations for
Pet of the Month.
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and why you think your
critter can't be beat.

Historic Dolphin Fountain is Mid-Century Jewel of Hyde Park

Submitted by Hyde Park resident Pete Gershon

Our neighborhood is home to one of the city's oldest water features, a fountain situated on a small traffic island at the intersection of Waugh and Hyde Park. When it's working, eight equally spaced dolphin-like creatures expectorate into an octagonal water-filled pool, about nine feet in diameter, at the center of which is a decorated two-tier basin tower.

I noticed the fountain right away in the early 2000s when I first landed in the Montrose and was struck by what an odd little oasis it was. I have no recollection of the Hyde Park Funeral Home that at the time still occupied the lot to the north, nor do I remember the post office on the south side of the street, or the Half Price Books across the intersection with Waugh, although they all must have been there at the time. Now, except for the intact north side of Hyde Park between Upas and Van Buren, it's townhomes pretty much everywhere around this intersection.

The fountain was a gift to the neighborhood from R. Victor Landig, a prominent funeral director and educator who established the Hyde Park Funeral Home in 1931 at the corner of Waugh and Fairview, expanding a few years later into the fourplex adjacent to the south, on the northeast corner of Waugh and Hyde Park. Landig was a big deal in the mid-century mortuary scene. In 1936, he founded the Landig College of Mortuary Science, which still exists today as the Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service. Later, he'd coordinate the care of dozens of bodies in the aftermath of the 1947 Texas City oil refinery explosion, and in the early 1950s he published an influential textbook for mortuary students titled *Time Changes Everything*.

At the close of the National Flower and Garden Exhibitions held at the Sam Houston Coliseum downtown in 1939 and 1940, he purchased a cement fountain constructed to serve as a decoration at the event and persuaded the city to allow him to relocate it to an oblong traffic island opposite his funeral home, the easterly period on the exclamation point of Lamar Park, extending as a boulevard along the block to the west. "I made a deal with the city and moved it," Landig explained to a Houston Chronicle reporter who inquired about the fountain in 1969, "stone by stone, to the present location, got the water connected and had it wired for lighting after we cemented the pieces together in the original design." The fountain was a jewel in the maturing mid-century neighborhood, and a source of comfort for Landig's clientele, with water trickling 24-hours-a-day into a glass-brick basin with submerged neon lights that came on after dark.

The fountain has had its ups and downs in the decades since, with an sympathetic plastering-over over the basin, occasional renovation and repainting (in the '90s, it had a teal, green, and grey color scheme), and long periods of simple neglect. A recent recommitment by the Houston Parks Department to its continued maintenance suggests the neighborhood will be able to enjoy this historic landmark for years to come.

Image credit: Neighborhood kids spruce up the fountain in 1972. Houston Post photo by Roger Powers, Houston Metropolitan Research Center RGD0006-1972-1504-010.



HPD Crime Reports for July 2022

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Address	Location
Aggravated Assault	7/18/22 1:00 AM	1200 BLOCK Hyde Park Blvd	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Aggravated Assault	7/22/22 8:00 PM	1200 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Restaurant
Aggravated Assault	7/28/22 10:00 PM	1500 BLOCK California St	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
All Other Offenses	7/19/22 8:00 AM	1100 BLOCK Jackson Blvd	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Credit Card, Atm Fraud	7/1/22 10:00 PM	1300 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Parking Lot, Garage
Credit Card, Atm Fraud	7/22/22 8:00 AM	1400 BLOCK Vermont	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	7/1/22 11:00 PM	1200 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Commercial, Office Building
Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	7/26/22 1:00 PM	1100 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Speciality Store
Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	7/26/22 8:00 PM	1500 BLOCK Maryland	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Driving Under The Influence	7/30/22 9:00 PM	1000 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Driving Under The Influence	7/31/22 12:00 PM	1700 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Parking Lot, Garage
Extortion, Blackmail	7/7/22 12:00 AM	1500 BLOCK Welch St	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
False Pretenses, Swindle	7/2/22 1:00 PM	1500 BLOCK Hyde Park Blvd	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Motor Vehicle Theft	7/2/22 5:00 PM	1500 BLOCK Missouri St	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Motor Vehicle Theft	7/8/22 4:00 PM	2500 BLOCK Yoakum Blvd	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Motor Vehicle Theft	7/24/22 6:00 PM	1100 BLOCK Jackson Blvd	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Motor Vehicle Theft	7/27/22 10:00 PM	2700 BLOCK Yoakum Blvd	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Simple Assault	7/2/22 3:00 PM	2500 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Restaurant
Simple Assault	7/3/22 5:00 PM	1300 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Restaurant
Simple Assault	7/11/22 8:00 PM	1500 BLOCK Maryland	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Simple Assault	7/13/22 1:00 PM	1000 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Simple Assault	7/17/22 11:00 PM	2500 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Convenience Store
Simple Assault	7/23/22 11:00 PM	1200 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Parking Lot, Garage
Simple Assault	7/28/22 11:00 AM	1300 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Restaurant
Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/1/22 10:00 PM	1300 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/7/22 9:00 PM	1400 BLOCK Haddon St	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/20/22 7:00 AM	1400 BLOCK Maryland	Other, Unknown
Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/21/22 2:00 PM	2000 BLOCK Waugh Dr	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/22/22 12:00 AM	1700 BLOCK Commonwealth St	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/28/22 9:00 PM	1700 BLOCK Waugh Dr	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/28/22 10:00 PM	1700 BLOCK Waugh Dr	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/29/22 8:00 PM	1300 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/31/22 1:00 AM	2000 BLOCK Waugh Dr	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft Of Motor Vehicle Parts	7/24/22 6:00 PM	2500 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Parking Lot, Garage
Trespass Of Real Property	7/22/22 6:00 AM	2500 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Convenience Store
Trespass Of Real Property	7/22/22 6:00 PM	2700 BLOCK Montrose Blvd	Restaurant
Trespass Of Real Property	7/28/22 10:00 AM	1300 BLOCK Westheimer Rd	Service, Gas Station

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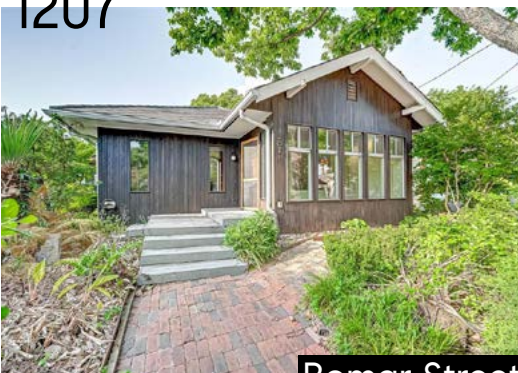


Willard Street

What do all these properties have in common?

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Bomar Street



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Lamar Park Update

Submitted by
Melissa Zarikian

The HPCA Board has approved a plan for the installation of lighting throughout Lamar Park. The lights will be housed in a number of the park trees offering a subtle moonlight glow during the evening, night and early morning hours. The details and plans have been submitted to the Houston Parks Board for final approval and funding. The work is slated to begin end of August, just in time for our upcoming National Night Out being held in Lamar Park!



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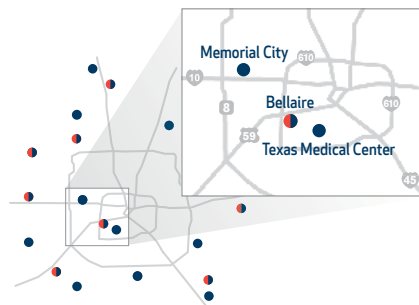
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National Night Out
October 4, 2022 @ 6:30pm
Volunteers Wanted!!
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HPCA GTG at The Phoenix in July

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

We had a good showing and a lot of fun at The Phoenix in July. We were happy to see those we haven't seen for a while and meet some new friends.

Note: The editor regrets omitting these lovely people in the last newsletter issue.

Update on the New Montrose Library

Submitted by Laurel Roseborough

Interior construction of the New Montrose library is scheduled to start in November, and total building completion is expected in the second quarter of 2023. We don't have word yet on a date for grand opening, but we will certainly be sharing that date as soon as we have it! We'll be located within the New Montrose Collective Development, and the library will feature reading areas, Technology access, a Children's area, a Teen area, and meeting spaces. If you ever want to drive by to take a look at the area or the building's progress, it's located at 1001 California Street. We can't wait to share this space with you, and all of the new possibilities this building will bring to the community!

Laurel will be stopping by our September HPCA meeting. She is a Librarian II and assistant manager at the Freed-Montrose Library, and is passionate about serving the community. She has recently developed two adult programs, Bad Art Club and Storytime for Grown-ups, that are currently being hosted at the Freed-Montrose library location on a monthly basis. Drop by the library to say hello and to see the multitude of resources that Houston Public Library has to offer!



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Why is Joining the Hyde Park Civic Association Important?

Your engagement keeps the HPCA Board on track. We want to magnify your voice with our city leaders. We want to create fun community events, know our neighbors, and help keep Hyde Park a fantastic neighborhood to live. But we need your support - both volunteers, and financially with your membership. Your membership dollars supports things like this newsletter, National Night Out, decorating for the holidays, etc. Even a few hours a year volunteering for things like tree trimming, National Night Out, concert at the park will help!

Each of the board members works hard to represent your interests, bring meaningful speakers to our events, and work on things like deed restrictions and have a voice with our vibrant businesses in Hyde Park and the surrounding Montrose neighborhood.

Short Term Goals of a Civic Association

By joining our civic association you can: Express your desires for your neighborhood. Learn the perspectives of your neighbors. Organize your neighborhood to-do list (crime rate, anyone?). Seek discussion and congeal the ideas on those projects most valuable to most neighbors (TIRZ, construction). Implement those projects you have the resources to complete (Lamar Park improvements). Seek assistance and partnership from individuals and groups, private companies and government for those projects beyond your reach (connect with our vibrant businesses!)

Long Term Goals of a Civic Association

Organize neighborhood projects so existing projects gain value from the implementation or construction of the current project (bike lanes). Join umbrella neighborhood organizations to include your neighborhood's plans to region-wide plans. Ensure your nHyde Park s part of larger projects at work. Seek out planning information, from government offices (we frequently talk to Council Member Abbie Kamin).

HPCA is here to serve you, but needs your active engagement!
Sign up at National Night Out, or our website: hydeparkhouston.org.

September

2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Trash, and Yard Waste,			1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 Trash, Yard Waste, Recycle	7 Tree Waste	8	9	10
11	12 Trash, and Yard Waste,	13	14	15 HPCA Get Together Brasil 5pm-7ish	16	17
18	19 Trash, Yard Waste, Recycle	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Trash, and Yard Waste,	27	28	29	30	