

Letter from the President



Howdy Hyde Park,

It's the beginning of Fall in Houston; the time of the year when most of us return to routine after the Summer. I imagine many of you are navigating uncertain waters with the return to school for your children (or yourself); while many of us are waiting to see how our employers will approach the return to the office at some point in the Fall. Just like school boards and corporate leadership, the Hyde Park Board had to make two decisions recently for our September general meeting and National Night out. We decided to move forward with an in-person meeting this September (details below), but, after a lot of thought, we have decided to forgo our plans for NNO this October.

GENERAL MEETINGS

We will hold our first in-person General Meeting on September 14th at 7 pm. Please note that this is the second Tuesday of the month. We are delaying the meeting a week to avoid a conflict with Rosh Hashanah. We will meet in our usual space upstairs at Rudyard's. Please be considerate and bring a mask to wear if you are unable to socially distance.

Our guests will be representatives from the Harris County Tax Office Outreach Department. The Tax Office is focusing on enhancing the understanding of property tax and provide resources plus payment plan options to Harris County property owners. They will facilitate an in-person workshop to cover the following topics:

- How property taxes are calculated
- How exemptions can save property owners money (Homestead, over 65 and Disabled)
- How to pay your property taxes
- Payment Plan options

The presentation will last about 20- 30 minutes with a Q&A session at the end.

Our next general meeting will be November 2nd at 7 pm. Our speaker will be announced once confirmed. We will be holding elections for the following Board of Director positions: President, Secretary, Deed Restrictions Committee Member, and Director At-Large. If you have any interest in joining the Board of Directors (or any other volunteer position with the Hyde Park Civic Association), please contact any of the current members through our contact information in these pages. We hope many of you will consider volunteering for your community.

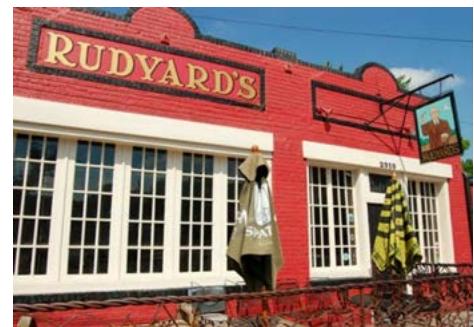
Upcoming

➤ HPCA Meeting

September 14th @ 7pm

Rudyard's Upstairs

Speaker from Harris County Tax Office



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Feeling Trashy?

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Recently we noticed the recycling was staying on the curb for a day or two after its regular pick up day. So I decided to investigate. I went to the City's website and discovered they have a new App we can use, **HTX Collects**. This will help residents keep track of weekly services, updates, and collection delays.

HTX Collects includes collection reminders for garbage, recycling, yard waste and tree/junk waste specific to their service address. The mobile app can also send a reminder to residents of their collection days.

Or, if you're like me and don't want another app on my phone, you can visit HoustonRecycles.org and search your home address in the My Schedule tool. You can also:

- Sign up to receive waste collection reminders by email or phone call.
- Download their collection schedule into iCal, Google calendar, or Microsoft Outlook calendar.
- Print a personalized collection schedule.
- Search the Waste Wizard on HoustonRecycles.org to learn how to recycle or dispose of materials properly.

I downloaded the calendar and subscribed for automatic updates on my phone. No App required.

Back to my original conundrum - did our entire street have amnesia and put our recycling on the wrong date? Nope, recycling services were delayed for A-Week. They worked to complete the routes as soon as possible.

Tree Waste

A friendly reminder - September marks the start of Tree Waste collection month. If your collection date is the 1st of September, place your debris at the curb no earlier than August 28, 2021. (Yes, I realize this is probably too late!)



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

As noted, the Board elected to cancel Hyde Park's National Night Out plans for 2021. You may be asking why we feel comfortable having an in-person general meeting in September but uncomfortable with an outdoor event like NNO. We feel that the upstairs space at Rudyard's (and our usual attendance numbers for general meetings) will allow attendees to socially distance and/or wear masks while listening to the presenters. For NNO, we are uncertain that a sufficient number of volunteers would be available to put on the event (i.e., in-person solicitation of donations of food, drink and door prizes, set-up and tear-down, etc.), in addition to the concern we have for our volunteers and the attendees. We were disappointed to cancel the event after the positive trends we were experiencing before August. However, we felt the rise of the delta variant and the hesitancy of many to get vaccinated compelled caution.

VOLUNTEERS

We remain in need of volunteers for Hyde Park Civic Association. If you have any time to give, giving back to our neighborhood by getting involved on the Board or in one of the other volunteer positions is a truly worthwhile endeavor! Reach out to any of us if you are interested.

Stay safe everyone.

See ya,

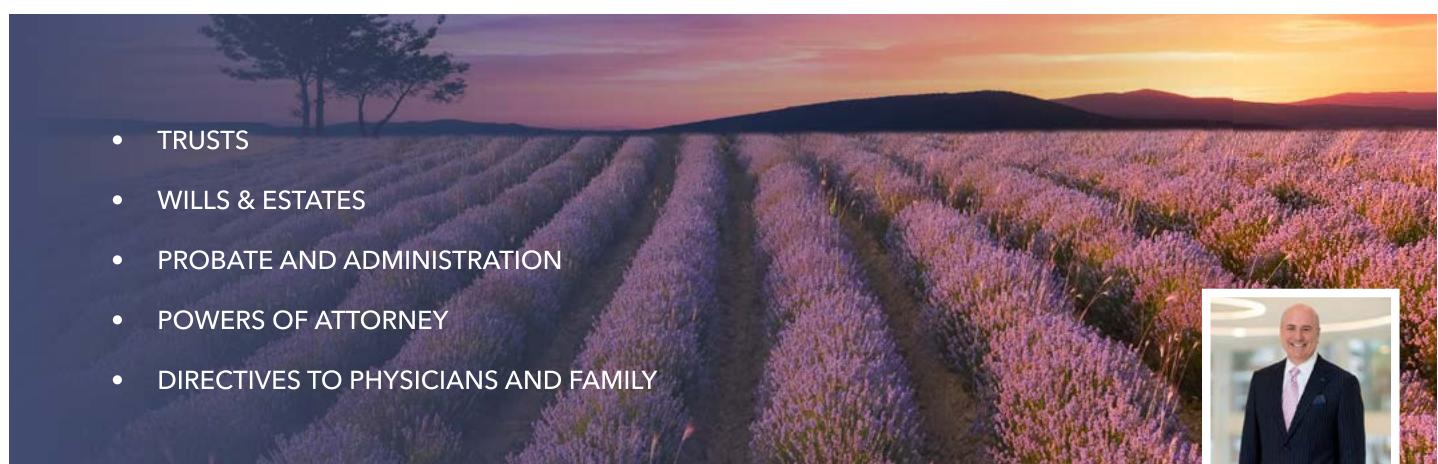
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Did You Know?

Submitted by Chris Delphin

Are you considering a trip to the United Kingdom? As I write this note, I am sitting in a rental cottage in the village of East Coker in Somerset, England. Getting here required a lot of planning (and has been very much worth it). First of all, unvaccinated tourists will need to quarantine for ten days upon arrival, so you need to get fully vaccinated (and wait the requisite number of days) before travelling.

Once you book your flight, you will need to arrange for an in-person Covid test at least three days before the flight. You will need the negative test results with you when you check in at the airport (PDF on your phone is fine). You will also need to register with the UK government. As part of the registration, you will need to arrange for a day 2 Covid test in the UK (either in-person or with a kit that will be mailed to your hotel or place to stay). You cannot complete the registration until you have a confirmation number from the testing company. If you are not vaccinated, you will also need to register for a day 8 test! Don't forget to arrange for a test before your return flight to the U.S.

Although this has been a hassle, I respect the UK's decision to open its borders and impose these protective measures. It's been a great trip and, hopefully, our travels will get easier in the future.

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HPD Crime Reports for July 2021

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Address	Location
All other larceny	7/3/2021 15:00	1500 BLOCK MISSOURI ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
All other larceny	7/6/2021 15:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Restaurant
All other larceny	7/22/2021 9:00	1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Other, Unknown
All other larceny	7/23/2021 12:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Department, Discount Store
All other offenses	7/30/2021 13:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Other, Unknown
Animal Cruelty	7/10/2021 12:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	7/2/2021 14:00	1400 BLOCK MARYLAND	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	7/19/2021 7:00	1700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Other, Unknown
Counterfeiting, forgery	7/9/2021 12:00	2000 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Bank, Savings & Loan
Credit card, ATM fraud	7/30/2021 12:00	1200 BLOCK WELCH ST	Other, Unknown
Destruction, damage, vandalism	7/2/2021 1:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Destruction, damage, vandalism	7/10/2021 19:00	1200 BLOCK JACKSON BLVD	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Destruction, damage, vandalism	7/18/2021 19:00	1500 BLOCK CALIFORNIA ST	Parking Lot, Garage
Destruction, damage, vandalism	7/29/2021 17:00	1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Parking Lot, Garage
Driving under the influence	7/30/2021 18:00	2300 BLOCK YUPON ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Drug, narcotic violations	7/7/2021 17:00	1100 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Specialty Store
Intimidation	7/24/2021 19:00	2200 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Intimidation	7/29/2021 0:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Restaurant
Intimidation	7/31/2021 18:00	2300 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Parking Lot, Garage
Motor vehicle theft	7/1/2021 18:00	1700 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Robbery	7/30/2021 17:00	1100 BLOCK W DREW ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Simple assault	7/23/2021 23:00	1500 BLOCK MISSOURI ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Theft from building	7/26/2021 2:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Restaurant
Theft from motor vehicle	7/23/2021 1:00	1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Bar, Nightclub
Theft from motor vehicle	7/23/2021 23:00	1100 BLOCK HYDE PARK BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	7/25/2021 1:00	2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	7/29/2021 0:00	2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	7/30/2021 19:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	7/31/2021 21:00	1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	7/31/2021 22:00	1800 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft of motor vehicle parts or accessory	7/2/2021 22:00	2300 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Parking Lot, Garage

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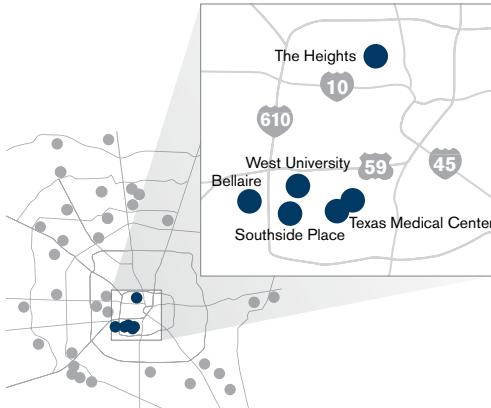
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What's in your Cabinet?

Submitted by Heather Almquist

As we watch the aftermath unfold, and our neighbors in Louisiana deal with Hurricane Ida - this is your friendly reminder to make sure you have your own disaster kit prepared. When we lost water for 10 days after the freeze - we were so glad we had water stocked from last Hurricane season!

To assemble your kit store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

- Water (1 gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight/Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

New Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control

Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:

- Masks (for everyone ages 2 and above), soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces
- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 HPCA Meeting @ Rudyard's Upstairs	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2