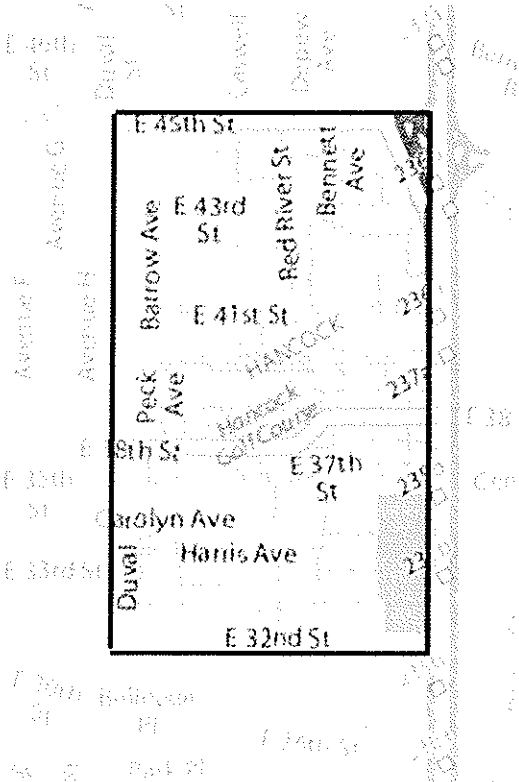


HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The Hancock Neighborhood extends from 32nd to 45th and Duval to I-35. HNA bimonthly meetings take place at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month (usually) in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Meetings take place at the Hancock Recreation Center (downstairs and in the back). The Recreation Center entrance is on 41st. Street just west of Red River.



NEIGHBORHOOD WILDLIFE HABITAT CHALLENGE

Hancock Neighborhood Association members voted at the May 20 meeting to participate in the Austin Parks and Recreation National Wildlife Federation (NWF) challenge to Austin neighborhoods to certify the most number of properties within their boundaries as wildlife habitats with the National Wildlife Federation. The winning neighborhood receives some prizes. The Challenge started April 15 and ends November 15, 2009

Habitats that have been certified by NWF prior to April 15, 2009 cannot be included in this year's count. Meeting the criteria for certification by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) will help HNA win the challenge and ensure that Austin maintains its status as a NWF certified Community Wildlife Habitat. All that is required to be certified as a NWF habitat is the following:

- Fill in the NWF Wildlife Habitat certification application; go to NWF's home page at www.nwf.org
- This is a tax-deductible contribution; once you apply, you will receive some extra goodies from NWF .
- Your yard must provide food (nectar, pollen, seeds, berries, etc); water; cover, such as evergreen shrubs, rock walls; places to raise young, such as nesting box and dense shrubs.
- Email or mail pictures and/or sketch of the habitat. Include \$15 (The \$20 mentioned on a city website is for some other program)

The habitat area can be any size; there is no percentage that must be dedicated to wildlife habitat. NWF does not come to your house to certify the yard and/or to inspect it.

The city has a small number of prepaid applications; contact Alice Nance at wildlife@ci.austin.tx.us and see if any are still available, and save \$15. For More Information: Visit www.keepeaustinwild or email wildlife@ci.austin.tx.us or call 512-327-8181 x29. Send an email to the neighborhood list serve once you have been certified.

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MEETING MINUTES

Guest Speaker Presentation:

Emily King

Forester

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Topic: Hancock Golf Course Urban Forest Management Plan

Emily wrote the urban forest management plan for the Hancock Golf Course and will be at our neighborhood meeting to fill us in on what to expect. Her presentation will cover all aspects of the plan including number of plantings, locations, types of trees, and planting schedules. Come find out what's in store for Hancock and get answers to any questions you may have.

Presentation in Brief:

Neighborhood Habitat Challenge

Mary Sanger will go over requirements and how to qualify.

Committee Reports:

Historic Preservation Committee

Parks Committee

Announcements:

Special HNA meeting to be held Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 pm, at Hancock Recreation Center concerning issues raised by East Avenue PUD

Change in setback on parcel 8, which is location of townhomes

Location of AT&T switchbox

Change of use to Hospital Services (Limited) for parcel 9

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HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD WATERMELON SOCIAL

The annual Hancock Neighborhood Association watermelon social is scheduled for Friday evening, September 11.

Come join your neighbors for a fun filled event featuring activities for youngsters, food, and music. More details to come in the August newsletter.

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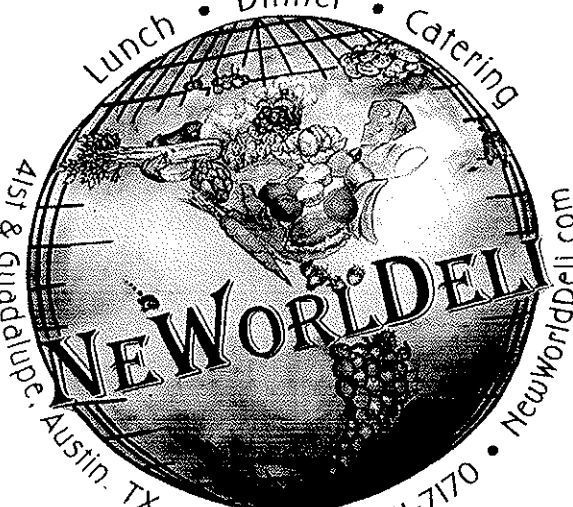
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By Kathleen Strong

In an American Birds magazine poll of wildlife artists, the wood duck tied for third place as the most beautiful bird in the world. Male wood ducks are marked with patches of iridescent green, maroon, purple, and black outlined in white, a bright contrast to the rich beige of their sides.

In past centuries wood duck feathers were prized as decoration for ladies' hats. Their scientific name, *Aix sponsa*, roughly translates to "waterfowl in wedding raiment."

This spring these beautiful water birds gave Hancock the gift of choosing Waller Creek near 41st Street as a nesting place. Pairs of ducks were visible from the 41st Street bridge as they swam in the shallow water and in the mucky creek bottom hunting for insects.

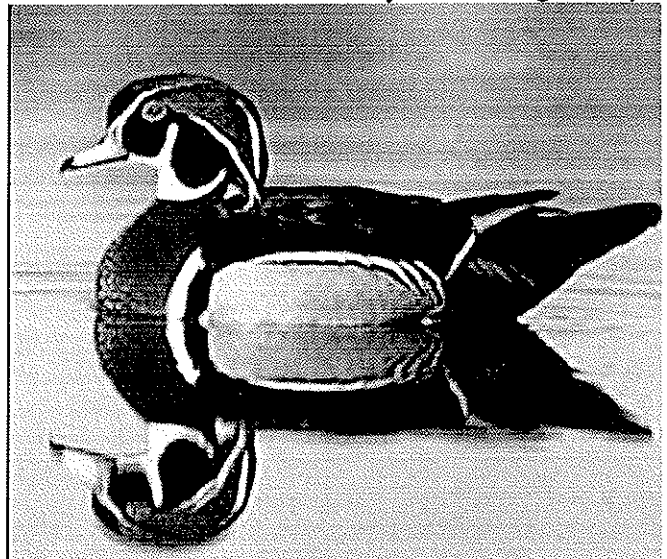
Wood ducks were very common in America until the late 1880s when their nesting habitats, holes in tall trees, were destroyed as land was drained and cleared. They made a comeback after 1918 when a federal law was passed to protect them and volunteers across the US made wood boxes to serve as substitute nests.

In Texas 22,000 wood duck boxes were put up from 1986 to 1984. Now there are an estimated 3.5 million wood ducks in this country.

As our neighborhood looks toward becoming a Wildlife Habitat, we might think about building wood box nests to attract more of these beautiful birds.

Waller Creek just south of 41st Street is an ideal habitat for them and the 2-foot tall yellow-crowned night herons because of the overhanging trees and shrubs which protect the young from predatory birds.

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1200Norwood.com

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Address: **506 Texas Avenue**

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Address: **4701 Evans Avenue**

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SOLD

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Great house on a great lot. Outstanding location- just a few blocks from all the Hyde Park shops and restaurants. Enormous 75'X135' / 10,125sf corner lot. Bright open floor plan with huge windows and hardwood flooring. Large hip kitchen, versatile utility room, formal dining room, and a study with french doors overlooking the huge private back yard.



Address: **4812 Caswell Avenue**

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WALLER CREEK CLEAN UP

What do you call someone who spends a lovely spring Saturday morning slogging through mud and stagnant water collecting cast off aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper cups, glass longnecks (empty) and other detritus? At HNA we call them Keep Austin Beautiful volunteers.

Several of them showed up early on the morning of April 4 at the home of neighborhood coordinator Ron Heinrich to enjoy a hearty breakfast, get their trash bags and rubber gloves and tackle their assigned areas along Waller Creek, from Park Ave. to Dean Keeton Blvd. Three hours and a multitude of bulging trash bags later, the volunteers left behind a much cleaner Waller Creek.



Neighborhood woman risks life to clean creek.



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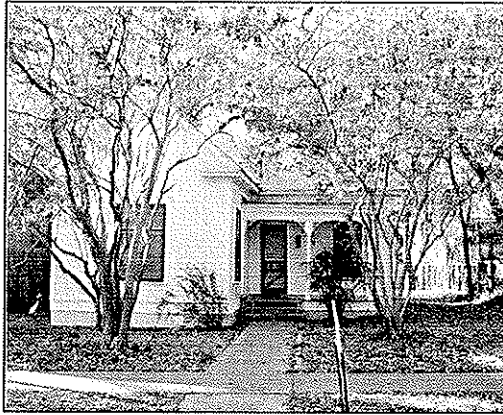
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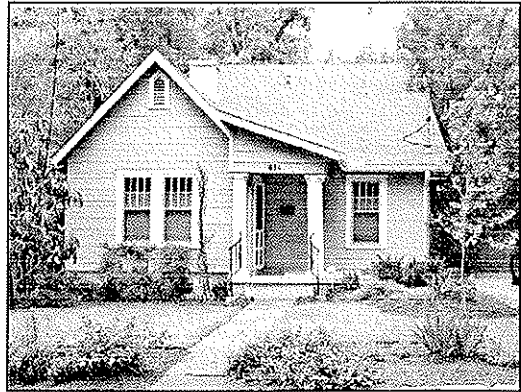
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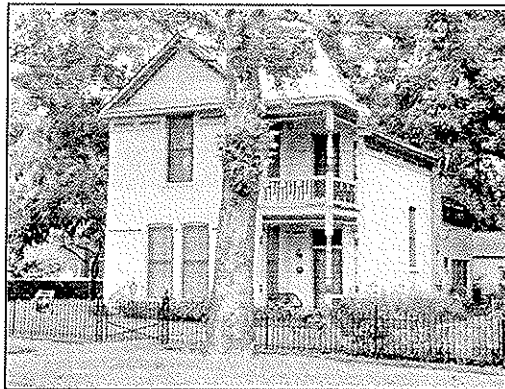
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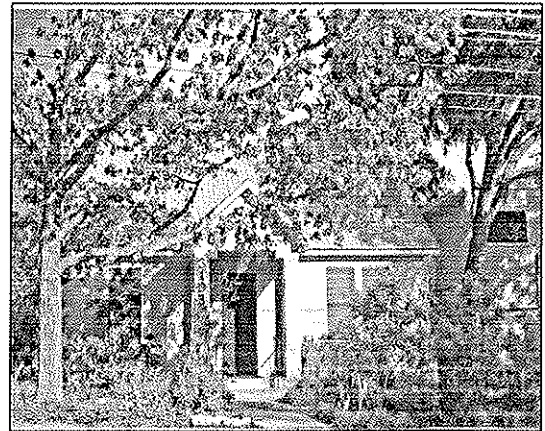
4104 Avenue B - Turn this dear 1910 wing and gable Victorian cottage into a home worthy of its character and location under huge post oaks on one of Hyde Park's best streets. It needs a lot of work but the lot is large enough for expansion and there is alley access. **\$275,000.**



804 Leonard Featured on the 2001 AIA Austin Architects Tour, this 1930 cottage is updated and enlarged by architects Lina Husodo and James Linville of Studio H+L. Quietly tucked away on a short, hidden, street ending at a footbridge to Eastwoods Park, it has 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living, office and a screened porch. **\$539,000**



3913 Avenue G The 1893 Page-Gilbert House, in the National Register of Historic Places, was one of Austin's first to be zoned historic. It has 2 or 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, +/- 2000 sf, faithfully restored with period finishes. Recent 2-car garage has a workshop and upstairs apartment. **\$649,000. SOLD**



3103 Harris Park Ave This 1930 Cottage, a short walk from UT, has 4 bedrooms and 2 baths plus a 2 car garage with a 500 sf upstairs apartment. Redone in and out with decorator colors. It has a town-house-size lot, but Eastwoods Park is only steps away. **\$469,000.**



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Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning Area

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Hancock Recreation Center


<http://coawebparks.ci.austin.tx.us/registrationmain.sdi>

HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE

Please take a look. Go to www.main.org/hna/ for upcoming events, current officers, a history of the neighborhood, links, and information about joining Hancock Neighborhood Association.

TRIANGLE ACTIVITIES

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Neighborhood Dues:

January is the month that the neighborhood association collects dues. Dues are not required unless you are a regular member and wish to vote. Dues are appreciated and are only \$5.00. Some of the items that dues help fund include The Summer Watermelon Social, events like the Pet Parade, membership in groups such as the Austin Neighborhood Council, Trail of Lights donation, and donations to the Hancock Recreation Center. The neighborhood can also meet to discuss using dues for other neighborhood promotion/preservation and charitable events. Thanks!

HNA Membership yearly dues \$5 to HNA. Mail to HNA Treasurer Mark Burch, 510 E. 39th, Austin, TX 78751.

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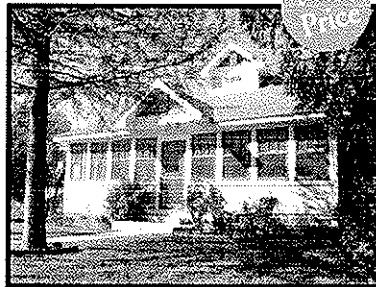
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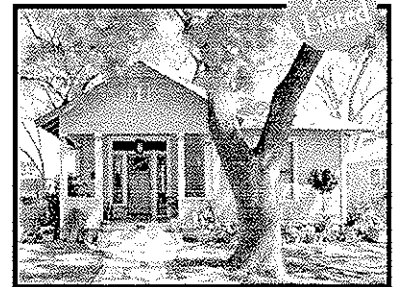
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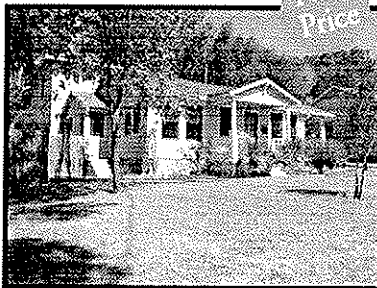
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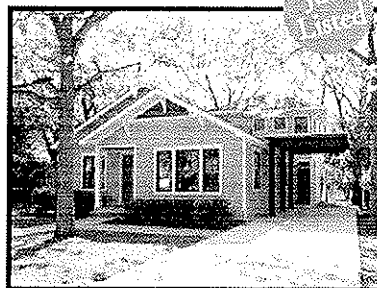
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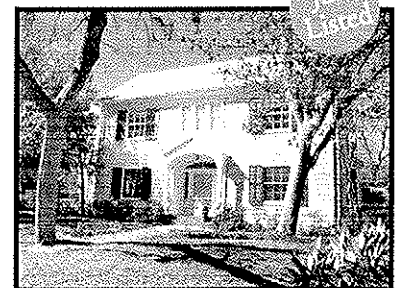
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