



The Hyde Parker



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Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Begins Website Redesign

Probably the biggest concern of Hyde Park board members, reflecting concerns of Hyde Park residents, has been how to best communicate with the neighborhood, whether simply to announce events and meetings, to relay safety issues, seek input on potential new development, etc. Our current board made a decision to act on this concern, formed a committee on communication, and published an RFP in May for a complete web redesign, seeking someone who could design a website that can be kept up to date, is easily navigable, visually relevant, contains all neighborhood updates, and that would become the primary source of information for Hyde Park neighbors.

The proposals were due by June 16. The six proposals that were received

were reviewed by the committee which presented its choice to the board in August. The selected proposal was submitted by Dave Kimmis, Kimmis Design, and Tom Free, Senior Digital Developer and Lead Developer of Product Innovation at Hallmark Cards. Both Hyde Parkers, Tom and Dave will be partnering "to bring strong design skills and web-development to the project." With more than thirty years of experience between them, Tom and Dave are committed to creating a strong channel of communication within the neighborhood as well as a means to promote the neighborhood to the greater Kansas City community. Congratulations to Tom and Dave. We look forward to seeing the redesign in the coming months.

HPNA Nominating Committee

HPNA is currently seeking nominees to serve on our board in 2018. Each open position is listed below serves a 2-year term and requires attendance at the board and general membership meetings each month. Elections for these positions will be held at the November general meeting. If interested in nominating yourself or someone else for a position, please contact the HPNA nominating committee at HPNA@hydeparkkc.org or by calling Stephanie Kozak at 785-218-5673.

(1) Treasurer - Control and keep an account of all funds, prepare a monthly treasurer's report detailing any transactions from the previous month, and maintain the membership list.

(2) Corresponding Secretary: Responsible for drafting and disseminating communications to the general membership via various outlets (email, social media, etc.).

(3) North Hyde Park Rep: Serve as board liasons to members residing in North Hyde Park, including reporting to the board regarding any issues that members within that area have brought to the representative and answering inquiries from North Hyde Park members.

(4) South Hyde Park Rep (2 positions): Serve as board liasons to members residing in South Hyde Park, including reporting to the board regarding any issues that members within that area have brought to the representative and answering inquiries from South Hyde Park members.

Can Do!

Parker Levi, born and raised in Hyde Park, has partnered with former Hyde Parker David Disney to help defray the expenses of a young man named Ryon Barker who sustained a spinal cord injury in a diving accident and was paralyzed. David fashioned a heavy-duty aluminum can crusher for Parker (and one for himself as well). The two collect and crush cans and then sell them to a recycler. The money earned is saved and donated annually for Ryon's transportation expenses. Parker intends to continue collecting and crushing cans. "It's a way I can contribute to a good cause and I am happy that David figured out a way to keep working with me even after he moved last year."

We applaud Parker for his perseverance with a project that is helpful not only to Ryon but also to the environment. Thanks also to David Disney!



Parker collected cans at a recent Hyde Park Block party.

David L. Disney

August 14, 2017

Parker Levi
3517 Holmes
Kansas City, Missouri, 64109

Dear Parker,

I just wanted to write and thank you for your dedication and thoughtfulness in collecting all those cans. You are a CHAMPION helper and the five tubs of cans you gave me last week are a big help! You and I have talked in the past about how these empty aluminum cans, that nobody wants, can help others, like Ryon Barker.

With your help and others, I take all the crushed cans to the scrap yard and convert them to cash. These monies are saved and then once a year I send them to Ryon to help offset his costs for his annual trip back to Craig Hospital. Ryon sustained a spinal cord injury after diving into a pool at a party, just weeks before going to basic training for the U.S. Air Force. Ryon was paralyzed. His path took a different direction, but through it all he has kept his optimism and he is thankful for his family and others who are there to help those in need.

Again, thank you for all you do in your community, from collecting cans to your work at Children's Mercy Hospital. You are a prime example of someone who, when they decide to do something, they roll up their sleeves (*smash cans*) and just get it done!

Sincerely,

DAVID L. DISNEY
David L. Disney

Longtime Hyde Parker, Susan Borge, Treasures Time in Neighborhood

The fall of 1979, my husband and I arrived in Hyde Park in our '67 Volkswagen bus, purchased a house in Hyde Park, and spent the next fourteen years rehabbing it, adding two boys to the family and meeting dozens of Hyde Parkers in the process, most doing the exact same thing - baby showers were grouped together as I recall, and tool-swapping the norm. We appreciated that our house had no previous renovations needing to be undone; in fact there was a pay

phone in the front hall. I remember being on the Hyde Park Board with Bob Berdella during a few of those years. In 1993, we sold that house and bought another Hyde Park home, attracted by its great location on Harrison Parkway and because there were seemingly fewer things needing to be done, although of course we ended up making many changes in the next twenty-four years. Another stint or two on the Hyde Park Board for me, dealing with crime, codes,

Armour Blvd., schools, homes tours, parks, etc., and some time spent helping to elect several Hyde Parkers to the City Council and the KC School Board. This spring, we sold our home to some great new Hyde Parkers and moved into a condo near the Plaza. Not far away, but definitely a life-style departure from what we had known and treasured for close to forty years. As outgoing Hyde Park editor and historian, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and love for this great neighborhood. Thank you!

Susan Borge



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Neighbor Spotlight



Carol Bradstreet, a few doors north of Glead Terrace on Charlotte St., began her Hyde Park sojourn in 1972.

After moving here in '66 from Wichita for graduate school, she and husband Wes first rented in Westport and Mission briefly. Good friends Don and Marie Batman bought a house on Charlotte, promising that if the house next door became available, they would let the Bradstreets know. It did go on the market but a real estate agent snapped it up and then sold it to the Bradstreets a year later (was it called flipping in those days?). Oh well, it was a whopping \$23,500. Carol remembers the '70's as a time of great transition in Hyde Park, many apartments still dividing the large homes. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association was just getting started and Carol remembers that board members mostly took turns in different leadership positions. She was president in 1976 and said the big push was to get the City to recognize the historical significance of the neighborhood, to get markers (using the Janssen Place logo), and to replace the sidewalks on Harrison Parkway with brick. Persistence was required resulting in several meetings with Mayor Berkeley. There was also an effort to adjust street directions in order to reduce drive-through traffic and create a better and safer neighborhood feel. Carol said that the north, south, and central areas of Hyde Park were designated so that the smaller areas could qualify for some available rehab grants.

The Bradstreet's home was one of three in a row that were owned by three married German sisters. Their husbands shared skills (one a cabinet maker, one an electrician) and tools, working on all three properties together. Carol's house was the most transformed probably because owner Johann Bachaus was at that time a designer for Vendomatic. He and wife Rita created an "open concept" plan on the first floor, taking out most of the existing walls. The porch became more of a beamed deck, and unusual for the day, they chose turquoise trim and orange doors. Most unusual, however, was that Johann covered the entire first floor ceiling with sanded and varnished redwood, which remains today. The look is definitely not what most Hyde Parkers were going for then, coming off today as some combination of German, Scandinavian, and/or mid-century modern, but interesting and unique.

Carol was a high-school teacher for 36 years, including ten years teaching English and debate at Sumner High School in KCK, and a long stint at Crittendon Center in the Hickman Mills district. She is retired and lives with her little dog Lily, who she credits with getting her acquainted with many neighbors in her dog-centric neighborhood. She has seen a lot of transition, from families with young children eventually moving elsewhere for schools to many new young families moving in and taking advantage of more school options today. Carol treasures her vibrant and interesting neighborhood, and feels especially fortunate to be near the generous green space surrounding Harrison Parkway.



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HPNA Board: Second Mondays,
 6:30 p.m.

General Membership: Third Tuesdays,
 7:00 p.m.

Crime and Safety: The KCPD Central Patrol offices on Linwood Boulevard have responsibility for Hyde Park. Our proactive officers can be reached at 816-398-0405. Officers meet with neighbors monthly at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday from January through October at the Central Patrol Station's Community Room.

The HP Playgroup: Wednesdays
 10:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Stephanie Swanson at Swanson.sd@gmail.com

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 September 19th.

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