

### ANTIQUE LIGHTING FOR HEMPHILL PARK

Culminating two and one-half years of work, research, and persistence in the face of controversy, Rick Iverson, NUNA President, has learned that HISTORIC lights will be installed in the Hemphill Park area. From the time of the first slide show presented to the City Council, Mr. Iverson and Dr. Jerry Roemisch, former NUNA President, have pursued the possibility of using "old-fashioned" streetlights that would be compatible with the Hemphill Park lights. Now, Mr. Richard Dreiss of the City of Austin Electric Utility Dept. has informed Rick that the same type of light fixture (including the green lamp posts) being installed on 1st and 6th Streets will be installed on the Hemphill Park Drives, 32nd and 33rd Streets and Wheeler.

When final engineering design is completed, North University residents will have an opportunity to approve the design. The place and date will be announced later.

Congratulations and our heartfelt thanks to Rick, and to all those who helped and encouraged him, for preserving this nostalgic and lovely touch in our neighborhood.

**The NORTH UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD in 2020??**

At the next NUNA meeting, February 1st, Linda Jackson, Planner from the City's Department of Planning and Growth Management, will discuss the North University Area's participation in AUSTINPLAN, as well as land use planning for this neighborhood.

This will be an open discussion, with a question and answer period.

Everyone is encouraged to take part.

#### NEXT NUNA MEETING:

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1988**

**Who:** All North University Neighborhood Association residents are welcome

**Where:** First English Lutheran Church  
30th and Whitis

**When:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM

#### AGENDA

1. Sector 1 (AUSTINPLAN) Update -  
by Linda Jackson, Planner,  
City of Austin
2. Selection of Nominating Committee  
for NUNA Officers for 1988 - 1989
3. Approval/Disapproval of amendments  
to the By-Laws
4. Committee Reports

#### IN MEMORIAM

We note with sympathy the recent deaths of the following neighborhood residents:

William P. Boyd

Myrtle Goetz

C. H. Walling

NUNA SPRING CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1 - NUNA meeting (see page 1)

APRIL 1 - Audray Bateman, Curator of the Austin History Center, will be the featured speaker.

APRIL 9 - Spring Cleanup of Hemphill Park - Waller Creek area, including Adams Park. Chairman Diane van Helden is planning volleyball games, too - so it won't be all work and no play!

LATE APRIL - NUNA Yard Sale! Details will appear in the next issue of NUNA NEWS, but let's start saving household items, used clothing, etc. Chairing this event are Rick Iverson and Rachael Martin.

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## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

## THE HARRIS HOUSE

by Teri A. Gaus

In 1914, Texas Assistant Attorney General W. Milton Harris bought the lot at 3118 Wheeler and built what we know today as the Harris House. It was one of the first houses built in Aldridge Place, a new subdivision north of the University, the brain child of longtime Austin mayor Lewis Hancock. This exclusive neighborhood was to be the first in Austin with deed restrictions. A December 1, 1912, advertisement in the Statesman emphasized these restrictions:

"Every house will cost at least \$3500," and "No speculation. Then the buyers of these lots will of course build houses on them."

And again (through a somewhat tarnished crystal ball):

Austin is sure to grow. It already is reaching northward. The river halts all advancement south." (!!!)



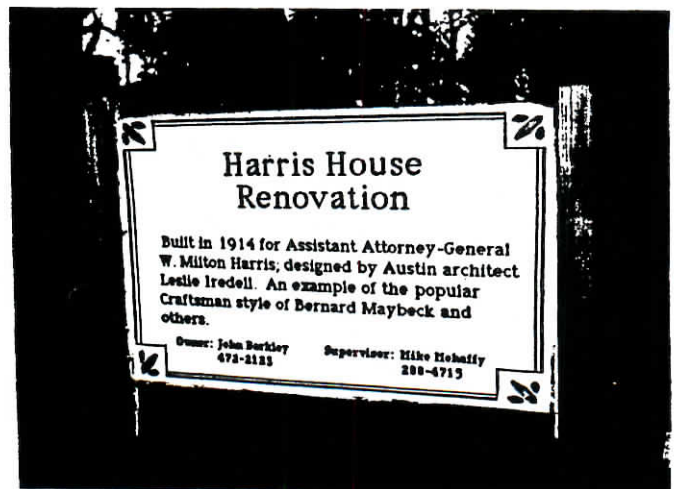
The spacious 2-story frame house boasted craftsman-era detailing, heartwood pine floors, a wide veranda to catch the morning sun and enough windows to make picture hanging quite a challenge.

Harris only occupied the house for a couple of years. Subsequently it went

through a series of owners, including Appellate Judge O. S. Lattimore and UT Professor E. R. Sims.

Sadly, by the time investor John Barkley bought the Harris House in 1984, it was in an advanced state of decay. Portions of the roof had collapsed, rain had heavily damaged the interior and major structural members were weak and rotting. Some architectural details were missing altogether. The consensus among professionals was that the structure would have to be demolished.

Nevertheless, with its heritage in mind, John and designer/builder Michael Mehaffey chose to save the house. Since the interior plan was not especially distinguished and the house lacked essential modern amenities, they decided that a renovation would be more appropriate than a strict restoration. Exterior architectural details were faithfully reproduced, while a large island kitchen, a laundry, and three baths were created inside. The structure was completely modernized and weatherized.



In March of 1987 the Heritage Society of Austin presented John Barkley with an award "for distinguished contribution in preserving Harris House . . . a traditional landmark valuable to the history of Austin, Texas." John's parents, John and Mary Ann Barkley, are now the proud residents of the once-again stately Harris House.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Send \$3.00 per person per year to Curt Schulze  
 North University Neighborhood Association  
 400 W 33rd Street, Austin Tx. 78705

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**QUADRANT 3**

Priscilla Gibson, NUNA Quadrant 3 representative, is moving to Florida, and we wish her the best of luck in her new position there. BUT, we will miss her.

Quadrant 3 is the area lying between 34th and 38th Streets, and Speedway and Duval.

If anyone is interested in representin that area in our neighborhood association, please come to the next meeting or call NUNA President Rick Iverson at 454-6438.

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