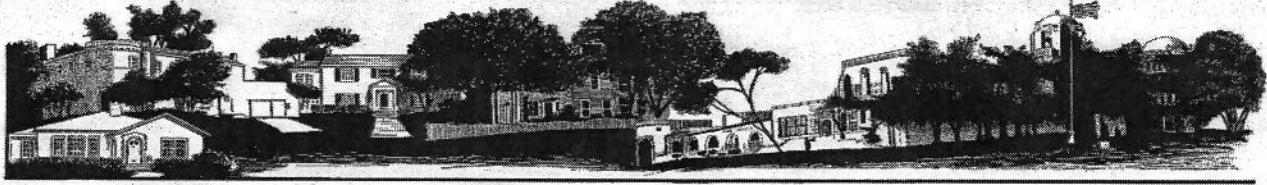


Monticello Park
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



May—June 2011

Reaching 730 Homes in the Monticello Park Neighborhood

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY
May 23, 2011
7:00 PM

Grace Presbyterian Church
950 Donaldson Avenue

Monday's meeting will include discussions on

Laddie Place III

Via's BRT Plans

The latest on the proposed changes at TJHS and our pocket park

We will have another contest for the mystery photo.

You will not want to miss it!!

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Rob Sipes

Recently, Bexar County's Flood Control Division held an update meeting at Jefferson High School. The subject was Laddie Place III, a water detention facility that is being built at the site of the old Northwest Plaza Shopping Center on Fredericksburg Road. No one needs to be reminded that our neighborhood suffers from flooding along Kampmann Road. It was just in 2002 that we saw 8 inches of rain fall within just a few hours. The result was that 302 homes (primarily those near Woodlawn Lake) were flooded and one person drowned. The cause: development of the city over time. It is amazing to think that a drop of rain that falls near the intersection of Callaghan and Fredericksburg Road (north of 410) will eventually enter the culverts under our neighborhood as it makes its way to Woodlawn Lake – the watershed is that huge! The Laddie Place detention projects were designed to help slow down that water so that the lake and our streets don't become overwhelmed.



This watershed area is the target of Loddie Place I, II, and III. Woodlawn Lake is the lowest part of the photo, and Kampmann Boulevard snakes along the bulk of it.

The demolition of the shopping center will begin this July or August. Because of the "environmentally challenged" materials present in the complex (asbestos, etc.), the demolition will take more time and require more care. Air monitoring will be done, and the buildings will be hosed down to limit dust escaping. The actual construction of the water detention facility will begin next March and last about one year. Total cost has been estimated to be about \$11 million, about the same as the total monetary damage from the 2002 flood.

The Bexar County representative said that they "don't do concrete holes anymore," so the goal is to create an area that can be used as a park during dry periods. The facility would consist of two large "ponds" that would fill up when a heavy rain hits the area. The existing grove of trees on the site will separate these ponds, and they are designed so that the second pond wouldn't begin to fill until a 25 year flood happens. During a 100 year flood event (one we have actually seen in the last decade), both ponds will be about 18' deep.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was gone for three weeks recently, and it felt like a year. So many meetings and activities were taking place during my absence, I was feeling very left out. HOWEVER, the able crew that is the board of the MPNA filled in for me at every turn, and we were covered!

Our front page story was a result of one of those meetings. The Laddie Place III construction is beginning, and the news is good. Recently, I was sifting through the MPNA files and found documentation from the association enlisting the help of our Councilman to alleviate the flooding along Kampmann Boulevard. That Councilman is now the mayor of San Antonio, and the flooding solutions are being put in place. I could not help but smile at what can get done when our feisty bunch feel the call to action!

May is Historic Preservation month in San Antonio, and you will find this newsletter filled with information about the many activities in the city and the programs and opportunities for the owners of historic homes. Although some may not get this newsletter quite in time to participate in the children's program, it was worth including for the ones who will get this newsletter on Friday.

Other projects are still in the works on both edges of our neighborhood. The BRT project is progressing, and we are still holding our finger on the pulse of the proposed project for the pocket park at Kampmann Boulevard and Donaldson Avenue. As of this writing, I do not have much news to report there, but I hope that Monday's meeting will bring us some good news.

Thanks to our hostess, Jan Peranteau, for the April social. The committee, headed by Sagrario Mejia and Jan, has come up with some wonderful ideas for the neighborhood to get together during the months that we do not have a General Assembly. The past two socials have drawn around fifty people, and many new faces were spotted in the crowd. We are so happy that you are choosing to participate, and we hope to see you again soon. The June social is described on page 12, and it promises to be a good celebration of the new neighbors at the Deco Pizzeria.

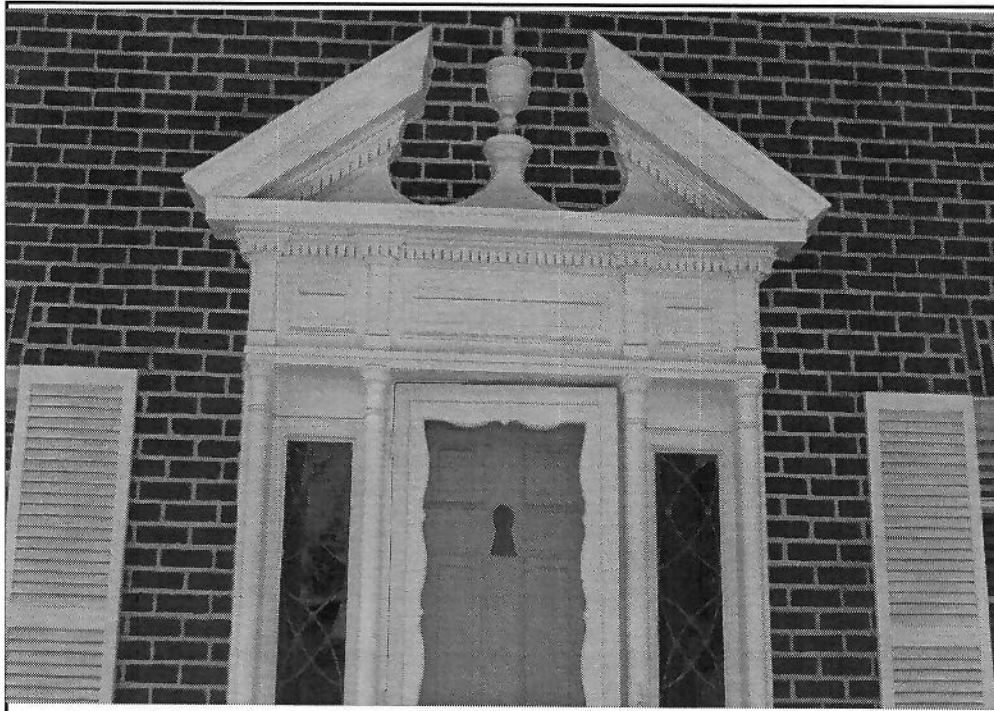
Don't forget the Children's Parade on the 4th of July! We are looking for some good volunteers both before the big day and on the day of the parade. Check for the contact information if you are willing to volunteer to help.

Thanks for the increased participation at the General Assemblies. We are trying to bring you relevant news, and your opinions are important. Hope to see you Monday night!

Ferne Burney
President, MPNA

For article submission and calendar of events, please contact the editor,
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ferneburney@hotmail.com

FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD



WHERE AM I????

Where do you find this in the Monticello Park Neighborhood? Be a correct guesser, attend the General Assembly on Monday night, and you could win a valuable prize! All answers will be placed into a hat and the first one drawn with the correct answer will be the prize winner!

Our March meeting winner was **Earlene Valdez**.

MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Monticello Park Neighborhood Association is for everyone (owners and renters).

Yes, I want to invest in my neighborhood. Enclosed is my 2011 contribution.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I would also like to help on the following committees:

- | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Finance | Social Activities | Park |
| Fundraising | Safety/Crime Prevention | Zoning |
| Membership | Historical Preservation | Home Tour |
| Directory | Scholarship | Newsletter |

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\$10 Senior Dues
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\$\$\$\$ NOTE FROM A \$\$\$\$ NEIGHBOR

In November, I had insulation put in the attic. The CPS rebate paid for slightly over **22 percent** of the total cost; the credit I receive on my 2010 Federal income tax will put another **30.5%** in my wallet. In addition, while **53%** of the insulation cost was returned to me, I just got my first CPS bill since having the insulation installed--it is for **\$15.64**.

A better deal than buying a Chevy Volt, I'd say!

Get Lost in the Riverwalk! - Smartphone Tour of Original Hugman Features



The San Antonio River Walk is a nationally recognized tourist attraction and one of the country's most unique urban linear parks. An initial concept for beautification and commercial development of the San Antonio River was conceived in 1929 by a visionary young architect named Robert H. H. Hugman. Work began on the River Walk project in 1939 under partial funding from the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Hugman's River Walk included the construction of numerous walkways, staircases, bridges, lush plantings, and the Arnesan River Theater. Although Hugman was dismissed from the project by the city in 1940, he was honored in the 1970s for his significant contribution to San Antonio.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

District 7 Council Office.....	207-7044
Code Compliance	311
Animal Control.....	311
SAWS.....	724-7097
CPS.....	353-2222
Officer Vidal.....	218-6546
SAPD — West Substation.....	207-7420
SAISD Police.....	271-3124
VIA Transit.....	362-2019
SAISD Truancy Office.....	223-2360

Treasurer's Report:

Checking:	\$ 6221.39
Savings:	\$ 3857.39
CD:	\$ 11329.70
Total Treasury:	\$21408.48

In recognition of R. H. H. Hugman's important role in the development of the River Walk, the City has installed commemorative plaques at original Hugman features. The bronze plaques replicate the architectural seal used on Hugman's original drawings.

A new **Hugman Riverwalk Smartphone Tour** has recently been unveiled highlighting 12 key Hugman features. We invite you to explore our River Walk using this Historic Hugman River Walk Tour complete with text by renowned San Antonio historian Lewis Fisher and historic photos. Get lost in the history of Hugman's River Walk...enjoy your discovery

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May 8th

Go! Historic SA
Guided Running & Walking Tours

Brackenridge Park
May 26th



Register today for the first of this year's Go! Historic SA Guided Running and Walking Tours.

Go! Historic SA Guided Running & Walking Tours are a great way to experience San Antonio's historic sites and get fit. At various stops along the route, tour guides will share the stories behind the buildings, homes, neighborhoods, and parks that make San Antonio unique. We are now offering fitness walking tours in addition to our 5K guided runs. Runners and walkers of all abilities are welcome. Participants will be divided into small groups according to experience.

5K Downtown Tour: Mother's Day, May 8th, 8:00 a.m.

Tour begins at the City Marina, located at 202 E. Nueva and will include stops at the Spanish Governor's Palace, Milam Building, River Walk, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Scottish Rite Temple, Hipolito E. Garcia Federal Building, Houston Street, Main Plaza, and more. The tour is a great way to start your Mother's Day celebration, so make plans to bring the family.

5K Brackenridge Park Tour: Thursday, May 26th, 6:00 p.m.

Tour begins at the zoo parking lot on N. St. Mary's Street and will include stops at the 18th-century Upper Labor acequia and dam, Mira Flores Park, Joske Pavillion, Sunken Gardens, Tuesday Music Club, Trinity University, The Bushnell, and more.

Each tour is \$15 per person and includes a mesh running cap.

Register now at Active.com (keyword "guided tour"). To register by mail, go to www.sanantonio.gov/historic/PreservationMonth.aspx to download a registration form, or register in person at our offices at 1901 S. Alamo.



For more information contact the Office of Historic Preservation at 215-9274.



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Now—July 28 **Free Movie Night**
 Bijou Theater
 Wonderland of the Americas

Now—August 13 **Fiesta Noche del Rio**
 Arneson River Theater

May 31 **Jazz Night**
 Thomas Jefferson High School

June 1—June 4 **Shakespeare in the Park**
 San Antonio Botanical Gardens

June 3 **First Friday**
 Southtown and Beethoven Mannerchor

June 9 and 23
July 14 and 28 **Concert Under the Stars**
 San Antonio Botanical Gardens

June 10—12 **Texas Folklife Festival**
 Institution of Texan Cultures

June 17 and July 15 **Gartenkonzert**
 Beethoven Mannerchor

June 19 **Juneteenth**

July 1 **First Friday**
 Southtown

July 4 **Independence Day Celebration**
 Woodlawn Lake

July 8—August 5 **Balconies Heights**
 Jazz Festival
 Wonderland of the Americas

August 20—August 27 **Culinaria**
 Throughout San Antonio

All of September **Fotoseptiembre**

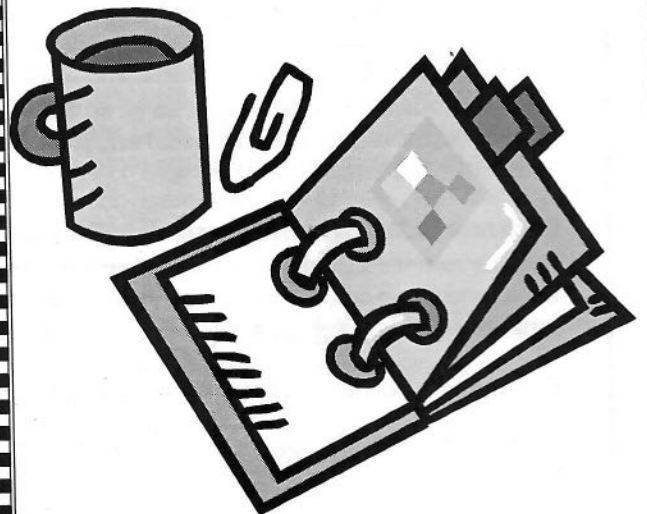
September 7—8 **Taste of the**
 River Walk

September 9-11 and 16
 Dies y Sies Events

September 24—25 **Jazz S' Alive**

October 4 **National Night Out**
 Monticello Park

October 14 **Andy Mireles Charitable**
 Golf Tournament and Dinner
 Hyatt Hill Country Resort



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When this happens, the facility will be holding back the equivalent of 230 football fields of water (1 foot deep) from rushing into our neighborhood! This project will not only make Kampmann passable during a 100 year flood, it will eliminate flooding during the more frequent storms. Most importantly, it would allow the removal of 74 homes from the floodplain, the majority being within the Monticello Park neighborhood.

The primary focus of the meeting was to allow for public input as to the type of amenities this new "park" would have. Because the ponds are designed to empty within 24 hours, they will not be a "mosquito farm," and can be used for recreation most of the time. Many ideas were voiced: soccer fields to walking trails to a skate park. The one crucial item we were asked to remember was that the primary focus of the land is to alleviate flooding – about 21 acres of the 26 acre property will be used as the "pond". As such, the amount of hardscape (sidewalks, parking, picnic areas, etc.) would be limited to a few areas. Playing fields, however, could be installed anywhere. Although current plans call for only 25 parking spaces, and one of VIA's new BRT stations will be at this new park.

Monticello Park should be very excited about this facility. Not only will many homes be removed from the floodplain, we will also see the creation of new and usable green space. The idea of additional areas for kids to play soccer plus the possibility of a less crowded Woodlawn Lake is worthy of our full support.



One of the West End Street Car Company's trains pauses at Cincinnati Avenue as it crosses West End Lake (Woodlawn), on to St. Louis college and the still entirely undeveloped Woodlawn Hills. This was taken in the 1890s.

Scholarship Committee News

The scholarship committee has been busy this past spring. On May 8, we had our annual spring garage sale. The day was perfect. It was bright and sunny with just enough coolness in the air to make it a very comfortable day. Everyone who attended had a great time. Hopefully there was some treasure they found that they could not live without.

In all we brought in just over \$500.00 for the day. As of now, we have paid for not only the scholarship for this spring; we have paid for the scholarship we will be giving in the Spring of 2012.

The committee did not have long to rest after the sale. Sandee Gibson got things going to make sure that all of the applications for this year's scholarship were delivered to Jefferson High School so they could be distributed to their graduating seniors. After a few weeks, we were able to announce our final candidates for the scholarship. They were Alejandra Chiquillo, Daniel Escobar, Cazzandra Parrilla, and Irene Saucedo.

All of the candidates were outstanding. Each one was a true young lady/gentleman who their parents should be beaming to call them their child and Jefferson High School could be proud of to call them their graduate. The choosing among these was very difficult!

In the end, we decided that this year's recipient would be Irene Saucedo. She will be attending Texas State University. She plans to go into mortuary science. She has many accolades to her credit - taking PreAP and AP courses and being involved in various school activities. She shows great maturity and humility. She has overcome many obstacles, as many students have, and still has the determination to fulfill her dreams of graduating from college.

Please come and meet Irene as we will honor her at our next association meeting.



KIDS ONLY
THE AMAZING PRESERVATION RACE
 SAN ANTONIO EDITION



SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011
9:00 A.M. - NOON

Family fun
 in beautiful
 King William

START: 122 MADISON ST (VILLA FINALE VISITOR CENTER)
FINISH: 509 KING WILLIAM ST (STEVES HOMESTEAD)

Grand prize
 and door
 prizes

Join us for a morning of fun activities, food, and prizes while learning about History, Architecture, and Preservation!

Kids with their adult chaperones use clues to solve riddles as they search for destinations in the King William Historic District. At each destination participants will complete a physical challenge such as jumping rope in order to get their next clue.

Free and designed for elementary aged kids. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Race will start at 9:30 a.m. Be the first to cross the finish line and win the grand prize. All participants eligible for door prizes. Food and games for all at the finish line.

GAMES



SCAVENGER HUNT



PRIZES



Contact: Anna Glover 207-7925 or anna.glover@sanantonio.gov



The Office of Historic Preservation is pleased to announce the Historic Plaque Program! Historic plaques are available for individual local landmarks and contributing properties within local historic districts. The plaques will visually identify those properties and districts that have been officially recognized by the City of San Antonio for their architectural and historical significance. San Antonio currently has 27 local historic districts and more than 2,000 individual local landmarks. The plaques, available for purchase for \$95, are of cast aluminum with raised silver letters on a dark grey background. The plaque is approximately 7½ inches in diameter and ¼ inch thick.

On May 5th, at the State of Preservation Address, HDRC presented Marty Kushner with the first Historic Structure plaque. Others who ordered plaques were also in attendance to witness this commemorative moment and to



For those interested in ordering a plaque, we have a few remaining from this first round and we will sell these on a first come-first serve basis. Future plaques will be ordered as need merits. Please fill out an application at the link below. If you have questions regarding the Historic Plaque Program, please contact Trisha Logan by phone at 207-7244 or by email at trisha.logan@sanantonio.gov

Don't Let Anyone Else Do Your Talking For You!!!

RUNOFF ELECTIONS FOR DISTRICT 7

Early voting begins on May 31 and ends June 7

Election Day, June 11

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!!!

4th of July Children's Parade

Monticello Park Neighborhood Association is once again teaming up with Jefferson Neighborhood Association to host the Children's Parade at Woodlawn Lake on Monday, July 4. The Independence Day celebration is the largest in the city, and our local children really get into it!

The doors of the gymnasium at Woodlawn Lake will open at 10:00 am and the step-off for the parade will take place at 11:00 am.

We need volunteers to prepare paper flowers and other decorations for the children. We will also need volunteers to help the children decorate bikes and trikes for the big day.

If you can help either before July 4th or on the parade day, please contact

Bianca Maldonado 732-9950

Or

Ferne Burney 734-2445

Hope to see you there!!

Cyber-Neighbors

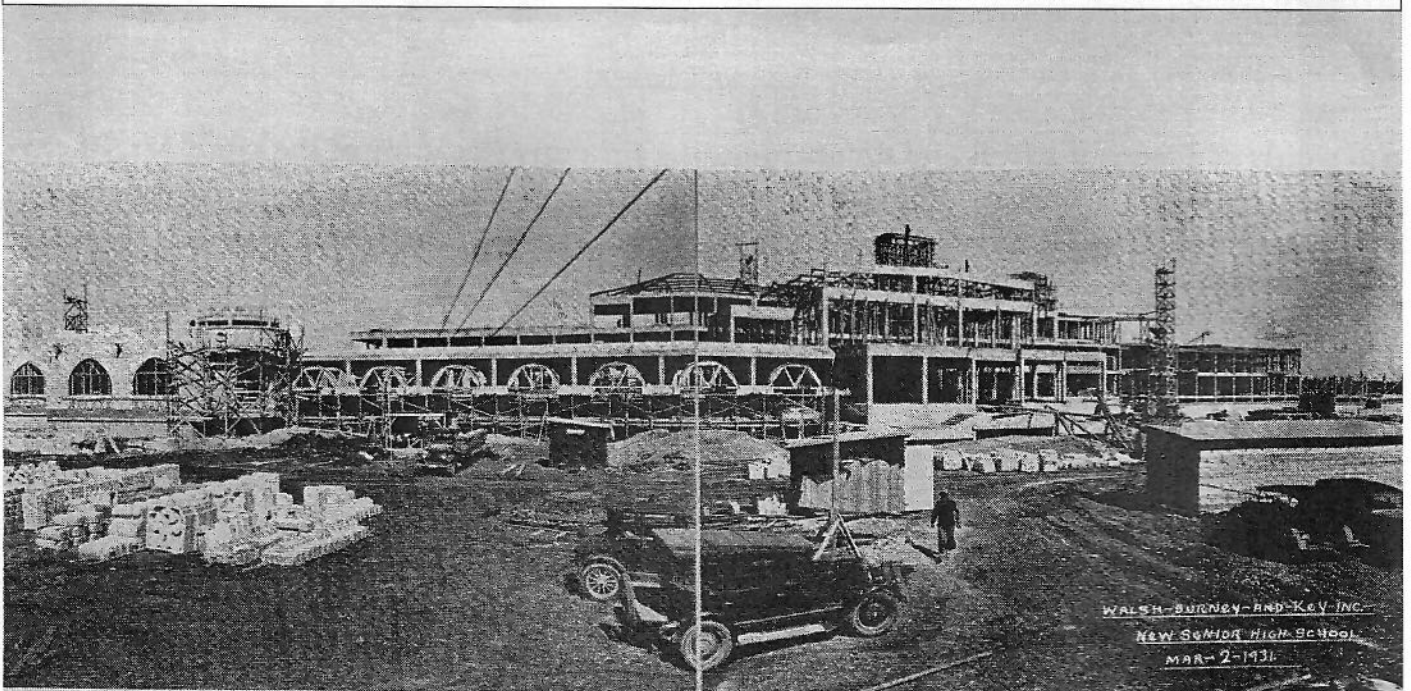
We have done a good job in reducing the cost of our newsletter by changing printers and as always, hand delivering our newsletters. Thank you **JULIANA GARCIA** and your team of block walkers who make this happen.

Often though, we find something of importance that we need to get into your hands between publication dates of the newsletter. We have had important election issues, a neighborhood call to action (think Club Pulse), or simply a date change for a party. We have undertaken the added expense of a flyer and asked people to deliver these flyers.

How much better would it be if we could email you this important information! No cost, no shoe leather wearing out, and you will be up on the news.

Please let us have your email address so that we can "blast" information from time to time. You can email the MPNA at ferneburney@hotmail.com with your contact information, and we will have a sign-up sheet at the General Assembly.

It was easy to see that Thomas Jefferson High School was going to be really something even at this stage. Too bad the camera did not include the homes around this...that would have been a sight! We commit ourselves every day to maintain the beauty of our surroundings and neighborhood.



New Rehabilitation Programs for Historic Preservation

The Office of Historic Preservation is pleased to announce two exciting new programs for historic properties. The first is an **Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan Program**, which is offered in partnership with the City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, to help low to moderate-income historic property owners. The purpose of this program is to promote and encourage the retention, preservation and restoration of locally-designated historic homes. The program will assist property owners with their restoration and rehabilitation projects through a combination of loans and grants. Some requirements include:

- Property must be located within the City limits;
- Structure must be an owner-occupied, residential building;
- Property must be located within a local historic district, designated as a local landmark, or eligible for historic designation; and
- Program income limits apply



The second program is an **Acquisition and Rehabilitation Revolving Fund**. The Office of Historic Preservation will be seeking a nonprofit partner to assist with this program. The purpose of the program is to purchase and rehabilitate locally-designated historic homes in order to combat the deterioration of historic housing stock and the erosion of neighborhood fabric that occurs when properties are demolished.

The application and brochure for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan Program, along with the complete list of eligibility requirements, are available at the links below or may be picked up in person at our office at 1901 S. Alamo. For additional information, please contact the Office of Historic Preservation at 215-9274.



Just a gentle reminder that **NO** landscaping changes or modifications to the outside of your home can be made in our historic district without the approval of the Office of Historic Preservation.



Once proposed changes are presented, a determination will be made whether or not the proposal must be presented to the Historic District Review Board.



The offices are located at 1901 S. Alamo in San Antonio, phone 215-9274.



You may contact the office on-line at ohp@sanantonio.gov.



**MPNA
JUNE SOCIAL**

Friday, June 17th

**Deco Pizzeria
1815 Fredericksburg Road**

**Pizza and soft drinks
7:00pm — 7:45pm**

**Plan to stay later on your own tab, enjoying
adult beverages, great other foods, and
neighborhood friendship.**

Welcome to our newest neighbors!