

Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Reaching 730 Homes in the Monticello Park Neighborhood

November – December 2012

A Little Post-Home Tour/Pre-Holiday Merrymaking

By Jan Peranteau

Ah, the 2012 “At Home in Monticello” Tour of Homes is done. The balloons, birdhouses and streamers are down. Thank you notes have been sent to those who helped and there are no more committee meetings on Tuesday nights. My animals are allowed back in the kitchen and all is well.

The committee met for the last time to evaluate the project. Lessons learned included beefing up advertising efforts. All agreed it was a beautiful day with rain the night before that gave all the yards a perk. The Architecture students from Thomas Jefferson High School looked handsome in their blue blazers, white shirts and red and blue ties. They seemed more confident this year and asked lots of questions about the homes. The drawings of the homes by TJHS art students enhanced our booklet and homeowners offered interesting facts about the history and work on their homes. Volunteers from all over the neighborhood came to assist homeowners and the houses looked beautiful. Visitors who walked through gushed with compliments.

At the end of the day, everyone involved was able to exhale a huge sigh of relief that now the extensive planning and prep were over. Wayne Ehrisman (top picture, center, with Damaso and Carla Rodriguez) hosted a lovely after-party where homeowners, volunteers and anyone who had anything to do with the tour came and ate and made merry. Food, spirits, and fellowship were plentiful and a good time was had by all! Many thanks to Wayne for his gracious hospitality.

MPNA made around \$3,000 with ads, ticket sales, and donations. After \$600 dollars of expenses, we cleared \$2,400. Still I already find myself thinking of homes for the next tour—“Hope does spring eternal within the MPNA.”

Middle Picture: Home Tour hosts Orlando “Lando” & Kelly Morales

Bottom Picture: Home Tour hosts Daniel Cowett, Ferne Burney, Adrian Contreras & Richard Weik



Save the date!

NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 26 @ 7pm

Grace Presbyterian Church

950 Donaldson Avenue

Come for a humorous presentation on the past year and to brainstorm for 2013!

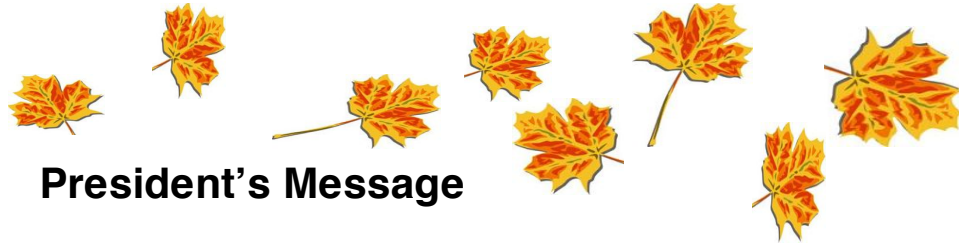
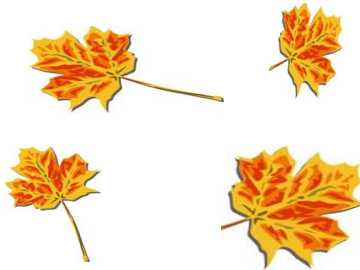
HOLIDAY MPNA SOCIAL

Tuesday, January 1

Open House from 12-7pm

340 Mary Louise





President's Message

2012 Monticello Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors

- President:* Rob Sipes
738-0379
- V. President:* Frank Ramirez
734-0999
- Secretary:* Ferne Burney
734-2445
- Treasurer:* Richard Weik
731-0780

Board Members

- Gail Collins
- Gary Hudman
- Sarah Rice
- Tony Sanchez
- Michael Robbins

Newsletter Committee

Editors: Ferne Burney, Sarah Rice
For article and event submission
please call 734-2445 or email
ferneburney@hotmail.com

Advertising Mgrs: Board Members
For pricing info call 734-2445

MPNA
P.O. Box 5851
San Antonio, TX 78201

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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

Fall is officially here and I finally get a chance to pull out my new sweaters. Fall is also when Monticello Park really has some awesome events, and I trust you had a chance to partake in some of them this year.

National Night Out enjoyed a tremendous turnout as usual. Well over 100 neighbors from the Monticello and Jefferson areas came together and enjoyed a beautiful early evening. Many thanks to all that helped set up and clean up, especially Bianca Maldonado who always seems to make sure the park is properly mowed, a bounce house is set up, and a banner is flying; and Tony Sanchez who always provides tables.



My daughter enjoying a face paint session at National Night Out.

Our Neighborhood Social was a lot of fun as well. Sarah Rice and Gary Hudman really had a unique idea - an old-fashioned movie night. Popcorn and hot dogs were served, and we watched the classic 1940 movie, High School, which was partly filmed at our Thomas Jefferson High School, and prominently featured the Lassos. Yes, the movie is a little cheesy, but it was really interesting to see how the grounds of the school looked some 70 years ago. The pre-movie entertainment consisted of old Warner Brothers cartoons that the kids in the audience enjoyed. There is talk of doing this type of social again, perhaps featuring another (perhaps not so classic) movie filmed at Jefferson - 1988's Johnny Be Good.

The Fall Garage Sale was also extremely successful, and I want to thank Ferne Burney for heading up that endeavor. As you know, the proceeds from these sales go toward the annual scholarship we award to a graduating senior who either lives in the neighborhood or attends Jefferson.

Our biennial Home Tour was just a few weeks ago, and the weather could not have been more beautiful. I was a bit worried when I heard the rain in the early morning, but the sky cleared up. The homes on the tour were wonderful as always, and I found something innovative in each of them. Besides raising important funds for the association, the tour gives us another excuse to enjoy each other's company. Jan Peranteau was our chairwoman this year and once again did an outstanding job.

As you may have noticed, there are many people involved in keeping our association relevant, stable, and... fun. I would especially like to thank all those that served on the Board this year. At the November General Assembly, we will be electing your 2013 association representatives. This year, interest in serving has been very high, so 2013 should have another dedicated group. We will also be showing a "year in review" presentation which is always humorous to watch. Finally, we will be brainstorming on ideas and goals for the future, and we will be celebrating our new 501c3 non-profit status! It will be an important yet fun meeting, and I hope to see you there!

Rob Sipes
President
Monticello Park Neighborhood Association



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR EVERYONE WHO MADE “AT HOME IN MONTICELLO” TOUR OF HOMES POSSIBLE

Tour of Homes Chairman
Jan Peranteau

Tour of Homes Committee

Ferne Burney	Larissa O’Connors
Gail Collins	Toni Provident
Sandee Gibson	Earline Valdez
Mary Guerrero	Kay Woods

Thank You Homeowner & Garden Hosts

Ferne Burney
Adrian Contreras and Daniel Cowett
Jefferson Community Garden & Green Spaces Alliance
Kelly and Orlando Morales
Jan Peranteau
Maria and James Provident
Mark Skruhak and Tom Simmons
Richard Weik

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

PLATINUM

Jefferson Woodlawn Lake CDC

GOLD

The City of San Antonio
Bianca Maldonado

SILVER

Richard Allen Weik
Gus Mann Automotive
Judy and Nadi Hibri
Sandee Gibson
Jan Peranteau
Vee’s Beauty Salon
Ferne Burney
Alicia A. Pais and Mark Raizen
Randy Rice with Keller Williams Legacy Realtors
Gail Collins
Scaljon Rugs, Inc.
Joseph A. Ferro, DDS
Carla and Damaso Rodriguez
Floral Elegance
Kim T Nails
Rita Mitchell
Koffee Kup Pancake House
Gary Hudman
Aida Villalon
State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer

BRONZE

Café Tutti
Evergreen Nursery
Edith and Amador Cuellar
Virginia Delmas
Aura Alicia Ramos de Markwell
Chuck and Jelane Lodek
Larissa and Charles O’Connors
Sergio and Paula Orozco
Deco Pizzeria
Rose O. Garza, MP Custom Framing
Chile, Tomate y Cebolla
Earline Valdez
Michael Robbins
Sylvia and Frank Ramirez
Kay Woods



Thank you David Garcia, Magnet Coordinator
Architecture & Environmental Studies Thomas
Jefferson High School

Thank you TJHS Student Volunteers:

Stephen Estrada	Joseph Vasquez
Luis Aberto Martinez	Eduardo Silva
Walker Hayse Black	Andrew Gonzales
Edgar Gonzalez	Pete Cerna
Carlos Hernandez	Marisol Villalobos
Emmanuel Cantu	Amir Valenzuela
Brandon Castillo	Jacob Munoz
Briana Alderete	Elizabeth Lehmann
Michael Moreno	Lesley Nunez
Cassandra Lewis	Sarai Martinez (alumni)

Drawings of the homes and Jefferson Community Garden were created by TJHS Art students.



Our gratitude goes to Mary & David Guerrero for the shepherd’s crooks designed and made for each home and to Ed Bozarth for the handmade birdhouses.



“High School” Draws a Crowd Despite Weather

By Ferne Burney



Friends from all around Monticello Park gathered on October 26 at the home of Gary Hudman for our Fall Social. The weather had turned cold, windy, and rainy; and the planned outside venue had to be brought into the house which is under a major remodeling project. Thanks to our host for his willingness to be so flexible! The showing of the movie "High School" was preceded by several cartoons, also from the 1940s, most popular with our neighborhood children.

Neighbors

munched on hot dogs and popcorn while the movie played, and laughter filled the room as we enjoyed the old fashioned sense of humor and craned our necks to get a better view of Monticello Park circa 1939. When the school song was sung by the well-behaved young ladies in the movie, several in the audience joined in and remembered their days at Thomas Jefferson High School. Members of the Lassos Association told us of the history of the group and about the drum major who had been recognized nationally. It was a night of fellowship, nostalgia, fun, and gee.....it was just SWELL.



MPNA Garage Sale A Success

By Ferne Burney

Our semi-annual MPNA Garage Sale was held on November 2, 2012, a day before our equally busy Home Tour. We had chamber of commerce beautiful weather, and a record 33 vendors paid to display their wares of all kinds. The MPNA was able to net \$700 for the day, and that will fund a full scholarship for a deserving senior. We look forward to making that award in May.

Thanks to all who came out that day to make it such a success. And thanks to anyone who can give us information about who took the signs from the park: every silver lining has its cloud. Look for the next sale in May!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

King William Home Tour - 12/1, 11am-5pm

kingwilliamassociation.org

Beethoven Maennerchor's Kriskindlmarkt - 12/1

German Christmas shopping fair. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Open to the public, free admission. Beethoven Halle und Garten located at 422 Pereida St.

SA Guided Running and Walking Tour of the

Downtown Holiday Lights - 12/6 @ 6pm

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/events.aspx>

Jefferson Community Garden Day - 12/8, 8-11am

Across the street from 2350 W. Grammercy

Government Hill Home Tour - 12/9

MPNA Holiday Social - Jan. 1, 12-7pm, 340 Mary Louise





January 1, 2013

MPNA SOCIAL

START THE NEW YEAR WITH US!!

340 Mary Louise Drive

Noon – 7 PM, bring a side dish to share. Main dish,
black-eyed peas, and beverages provided.





Probably the most significant improvement to VIA's services that riders will see in the next few months will be the inception of VIA Primo. This is a signature bus rapid transit line that represents VIA's first venture into multimodalism.

Primo will provide an enhanced level of service between the South Texas Medical Center and the central business district along the Fredericksburg Road corridor, and it will commence operations in December 2012. Eight station locations are currently under construction, as are the anchor facilities at the South Texas Medical Center Transit Center and the Westside Multimodal Transit Center. This service will be provided by 60-foot articulated vehicles that run on compressed natural gas.

The beginning of Primo service will be accompanied by several significant changes to other VIA bus routes. The most significant of these will be the eliminations of routes 91 and 92 as well as the Yellow Streetcar route downtown. These three routes will be replaced by the Primo service.

Another major change will be the extension of route 520, which currently ends at Crossroads Park and Ride. Once Primo service starts running, route 520 will be extended to the new South Texas Medical Center Transit Center at the intersection of Babcock Road and Medical Drive.

Also accompanying the inception of Primo service will be additional service added to route 96. This additional service will run on the segment of the route between downtown and Fredericksburg Road at Vance Jackson Road. These additional

shorter runs will operate every day on 30-minute headways during the daytime.

There will be 11 VIA Primo in-line stations in and around our neighborhood:

- 7350 Callaghan Drive
- 4447 Fredericksburg Road
- 3710 Fredericksburg Road
- 3119 Fredericksburg Road
- 107 Mary Louise
- 1402 W Huisache
- 1212 Fredericksburg Road
- 2118 Fredericksburg Road
- 3200 Fredericksburg Road
- 5100 Fredericksburg Road
- 5202 Fredericksburg Road

Should you have any questions or concerns during the Primo in-line station or transit center construction process, please contact:

**VIA Primo Public Information Officer
Michelle Perales**

michelle.perales@viainfo.net

210.793.7551 or 210.362.2374

To keep the community informed of its construction progress, VIA will publish lane closures, route detours, and other traffic updates at viaprimo.com. Here you can subscribe to receive automatic construction updates by email or text.



MPNA Bulletin Board

*Friends and Neighbors,
I am interested in
publishing a Monticello Park
Neighborhood Cookbook. If
you are interested in this
project, please contact me at
(210) 733-5923. We will begin
gathering recipes after the
Christmas holidays. Hope to
see you around my table.*

Jan Peranteau

Jefferson Community Garden

If you haven't dropped by lately, take a few moments to check out the beautiful butterflies flitting amongst the bounty. Want to know how to become involved with the garden? Join us at the next gardening day, Saturday, December 8. Come anytime between 8-11am. Bring your gloves & gardening tools or simply stop by to ask questions and get a tour of the garden. Questions? Email jefferson.garden@yahoo.com or leave a message with Sherilyn Strickland at 912-4871.



Researchers at UTSA want to find ways to improve the energy efficiency of homes in historic districts of San Antonio while sustaining the cultural heritage of the homes and their neighborhoods. Visit monticelloparkna.com for a one-page flyer detailing the study. To take part in this research study or for more information, please contact Claudia Guerra at 210-458-3178.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Interested in making new neighbors feel right at home as soon as they move into Monticello Park? Join the new "Monticello Meets New Neighbors" welcome committee. Opportunities include putting together goodie baskets and dinners where two "old" households get together to host a "new" household for dinner. Interested? Call Sarah Rice at 738-8772.

The 6th Annual ON AND OFF FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR, organized by Bihl Haus Arts, is scheduled for February 16 & 17 2013, with a preview party at Bihl Haus on Friday, Feb. 15, 2013. Our goal is to highlight the quality, variety, and sheer numbers of professional artists—visual, musical, performing, literary—who live and/or work in the Los Angeles Heights, Keystone, Beacon Hill, Monticello Park, Jefferson, Woodlawn and Alta Vista neighborhoods. For more information, please contact Kellen McIntyre at kellenkee@swbell.net or by phone (Office: 732.3502/Cell 383.9732). Application materials available online at www.OnAndOffFred.org. Application deadline 5 pm, Friday, Dec. 7th, 2012.

And for the BEST opportunity,
TURN THE PAGE!





Want one of these bad boys?
 Get your premium, pre-shrunk 100% cotton MPNA Logo T FREE when you join or renew your membership. Otherwise, they're 10 bucks. Show your MPNA pride and take advantage of a sweet deal.

**Limited supply of t-shirts available. Offer valid until t-shirt supply runs out or 12/31/12, whichever comes first. Specify size on the "Other" line on the membership form below. Only one t-shirt per household membership. The cost of membership dues minus the cost of the T-shirt (\$10) will be the portion of your membership dues that is tax deductible.*

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 2013 contribution.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I would also like to help on the following committees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Crime Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Tour
<input type="checkbox"/> Directory	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter

Membership Dues

<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Senior Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Member Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> \$___ Additional for _____

Other: _____

Send to:
 MPNA P.O. Box 5851 · San Antonio, TX 78201

The MPNA has worked hard to achieve its 501(c)3 status. What does that mean to you? Any dues paid, any donation to the association (such as for scholarships), any expense to you on behalf of the Association is now tax deductible. Check with your tax preparer concerning any deductions you want to take. This is a major step forward for our association!