

Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



January - February 2014

MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORS' NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By Jan Peranteau

Monticello Park resolutions for 2014 seemed as varied as our recent weather patterns. Bunny and Carl Rush had differing views. Carl said, "I don't know if I've ever made New Year's resolution." Bunny retorted, "Oh yes we do, It's what we do at Circle, when we set energies for the coming year." Bunny continued, "Since I am retired, I want to even out our incoming income. I need to find something for me, even if it is part-time. I still want to contribute."



Bunny and Carl Rush

Carl, a policy consultant in public health, had a different take on resolutions. "I am trying to retire so that I can pursue my love of music." They are both actively cleaning a garage apartment in the hope of renting it. Bunny said, "We are looking into reverse mortgage since we have no children." She concluded with this statement, "I want to be in the present instead of constantly worrying about the future."

Gladys and Scott Williams were cozy in slippers when the interview began. A big, black, lap-warming cat curled up on the couch beside Gladys. "I don't usually make resolutions," Gladys said. "I just pull myself up by the boot straps and get into the routine of a new year."



Gladys and Scott Williams

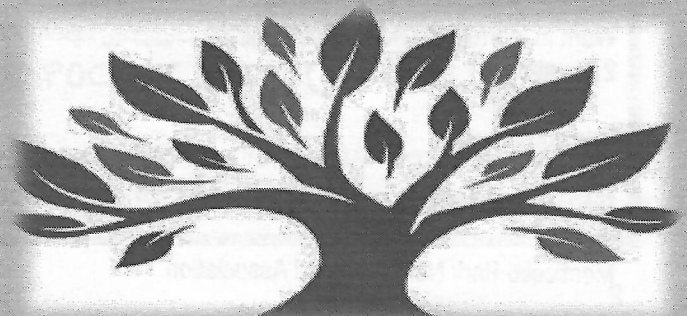
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**Monticello Park
Neighborhood Association
General Assembly Meeting
Monday, January 27th
7PM
950 Donaldson
Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Come join your neighbors to
kick off 2014 and sign up to
volunteer on a committee!**

MPNA Goals for 2014

Alley Clean-ups, Dial-a-Trailer, Tour of Homes, Graffiti Abatements, Tree Challenge (plant 25 trees), Beautification Homeowner Award \$5,000, Academic Scholarships for graduating high school seniors, Spring/Fall Garage Sales, Socials, 4th of July Children's Parade, and National Night Out.





President's Message

Happy New Year!

2014.....Can you believe it??

Monticello Park Neighborhood is a great place to live because of its residents and their service. Many thanks to our volunteers: board members, block captains who distribute the newsletter, flower and halo makers for the 4th of July Children's Parade, Newspaper Editors, Social Committee, Garage Sale Volunteers, National Night Out Volunteers and the Scholarship Committee. Their hard work impacts everyone and our community's quality of life!

MPNA is off to a great start in the New Year. The 2014 MPNA board has 8 returning members from the 2013 board and 2 new members. I am thankful for their time and commitment to serve.

In 2014 there are several neighborhood events that are reoccurring, some new, and the return of events from previous years. We need your help to make these events a success! Do you remember the Dial-a-Trailer? The Tree Challenge? Alley Cleanups? These are 3 events from a few years ago and were huge successes. The Dial-Trailer is a Saturday during which MPNA coordinates with the Solid Waste Department to bring a trash truck into our community for a neighborhood collection. This would allow MPNA residents to have an additional brush and bulky collection right down the block. The Tree Challenge is planting 25 trees in the front or right-of-way areas within MPNA but we need your permission and labor assistance. Alley Clean-ups would be a Saturday in which MPNA targets an overgrown alley and provides resources to assist homeowners in maintaining the alley.

Also, the Beautification Award has been increased to \$5,000 for 2014. These monies are to assist homeowners with exterior home improvements and are made possible with MPNA fundraising and matching funds from the Jefferson Woodlawn Lake Community Development Corporation.

In December I attended a Crime meeting with SAPD and the District 7 Council office. The meeting was to address a specific incident and create a dialog of community concerns. There have been a lot of comments on the MPNA Facebook page about crime: some true and others speculative. During the meeting SAPD stated the crime within the Monticello and Jefferson Neighborhood Associations (boundaries Fredericksburg, St. Cloud, W. Woodlawn, and West Dr-by creek way by Oak Dairy Farms) is lower than the crime rate within the Stone Oak area. It is important if you hear something or see something to please report it to SAPD, 911 for emergencies and 207-SAPD for non-emergencies. By the time this newsletter is printed I hope you had the chance to attend the District 7 Crime Awareness and Prevention Summit.

Want to learn more? Attend the MPNA General Assembly Meeting Monday, January 27th, at 7pm.

See you there!

Bianca Maldonado
President
Monticello Park Neighborhood Association

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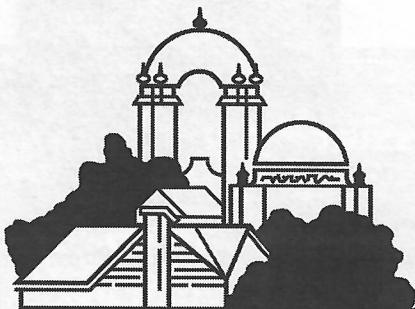
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2014 MPNA Scholarship for High School Seniors

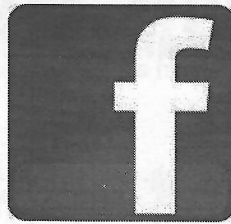
The scholarship application will soon be available for download on

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Submission Deadline: March 7



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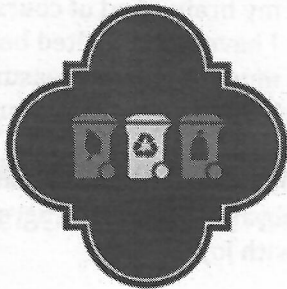
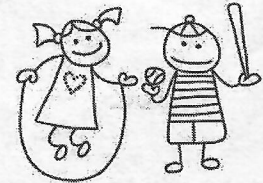
As many of you are aware, MPNA has a group Facebook page.

If want to join go to

facebook.com/groups/MonticelloParkNA/

On this page you can request to be become a member. As soon as we see your request you will be messaged via Facebook with two questions: 1) What is your address? and 2) What do you love most about the neighborhood? Check your "Other" folder because often these questions get delivered here due to people's privacy settings. New member requests are not accepted until this information is received on our end.

There's also a new group Facebook page called the Monticello Park Parents Page designed to help moms and dads in the area connect, set up play dates, talk about local events, and even post items to buy/sell/trade. Visit facebook.com/groups/271889722960017/



City of San Antonio Solid Waste Management has posted the following time frames for our 2014 Neighborhood Collections:

Brush: April 2014 (one per yr)

Bulky: February and July 2014 (two per yr)

Leaf Collection: Call 311 to schedule (2 free collections per year)

Out of Cycle Collections: Call 311 to schedule

For more information: www.sanantonio.gov/swmd

Nothing should be placed at the curb until the homeowner receives a collection notification from the City of San Antonio

GRAFFITI CLEANUP



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AS WE CLEAN UP THE GRAFFITI IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
WE'LL MEET AT 9AM @
THE POCKET PARK (444 CLUB DR)

(Stay tuned to MonticelloParkNA.com or the MPNA Facebook page for details to come on Dial-A-Trailer!)

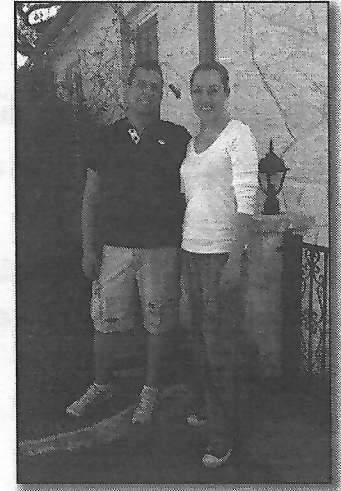
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"We got my brother from New York and moved him here," Scott said. Gladys added, "Yes, Scott went to N.Y. and fetched him. He is seriously cluttered and disabled." They set him up in his own ADA accessible apartment.

Scott also expressed a desire for a new job. He applied to the Wounded Warrior Project. He would be managing soldier rides, building bicycles for the special needs of soldiers. He is hoping to hear from them soon.

Damaso Rodriguez playfully said when asked about resolutions, "We haven't made any. We're gonna play it by the wing. We'll Wing It." He added, "When we make resolutions it is so easy to break them, so we start ahead, and don't start. I'm a win, win, kind of guy."

Kelly and Lando Morales have a New Year's resolution that is a repeat of last year. "We resolved to never use technology at the dinner table. Kelly, a military doctor, explained, "It worked pretty well until after I returned from Afghanistan. Things fell apart. We are trying again this year. Lando has a fitness goal, to lose 25 pounds for the year. He wants to lose 20 pounds in the first three months."



Lando and Kelly Morales



Amy Hardberger

Amy Hardberger had the most organized approach to the New Year's resolutions. "I set intentions rather than resolutions." She named five areas—career, financial, community, social-physical and spiritual. "I set intentions in each category." She emphasized, "It is important to write them down and have them in a place you can look at them all the time."

She shared a few of her intentions.

Financial-Limit discretionary spending.

Social-physical-Focus on Non-work activities. Spend more time doing creative things, amusing the other side of my brain. And of course, exercise, like every one else. Visit a new place that I have never visited before.

Amy concluded with this statement, "You must be able to measure your intentions. They should be open-ended and beyond your comfort zone."

In finale, Dianne Simpson said, "I have only one resolution. Drink more champagne. I think it is important to celebrate occasions. There are lots of things to celebrate. Make sure you do it with joy."

For five years, The Classic Theatre was resident in the Sterling Houston Theatre at the Jump-Start Performance Co. in the Blue Star Arts Complex. When the management of the complex decided to not renew Jump-Start's lease, Classic was forced to find a new home and was welcomed to the Black Box space at Woodlawn Theatre. Said Classic's Co-Artistic Director Diane Malone in an interview with Texas Public Radio, "We have found a lovely space in the black box of the Woodlawn. It's small—it's going to be very intimate, which we like." (<http://tpr.org/post/taming-shrew-classic-theatres-last-performance-blue-star>).

The Classic Theatre has received sixteen 2012-13 ATAC Globe Awards including 3 for Best Comedy (Importance of Being Earnest, Painting Churches, and SCAPIN).



Join us for the next MPNA Social!

Dinner & Arthur Miller's "Death Of A Salesman" Saturday, February 8



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Monticello Park Boutique Salon Spa Open House Featuring HGTV's Jordan Cappella By Ressie O'Connors

One of our newest neighborhood businesses opened its doors for an open house on November 21. Assisting Frank Baez and Robert Charles, owners of the Monticello Park Boutique Salon Spa, were Jordan Cappella of HGTV stardom, Jacob Valenzuela of Deco Pizzeria, Ed Garza, and Councilman Cris Medina. The councilman presented certificates of congratulations for opening the business in District 7.

Libations and hors d'oeuvres were served while the attendees enjoyed the wonderful voices from the Network For Young Artists. A few of the young artists performing were 15 year-old Nacaria Padron, 11 year-old Nicole Jimenez, and 16 year-old Alejandro Callahan.

The Salon owners sponsored a toy collection for the Inner City Kids Toy Outreach. Anyone donating a toy for the program at the Open House was eligible for a \$120 gift certificate from the Monticello Park Boutique Salon Spa.

Eydie Flores, an attendee at the Open House, had received a VIP Treatment for her birthday. She enthusiastically spoke about her beauty treatment and said she'd definitely go back.

After the guest speakers, a tour of the salon and spa ended with Jordan Cappella introducing his line of Citrus and Lychee hand-poured coconut wax candles that can be purchased at the Monticello Park Boutique Salon Spa.



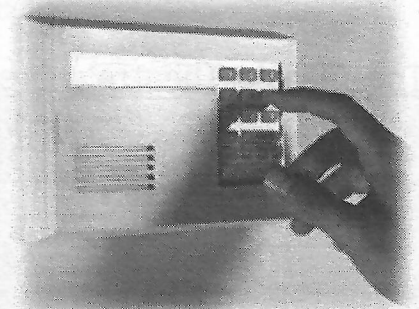
Ressie O'Connors with Jordan Cappella

CONSIDERING A HOME SECURITY SYSTEM?

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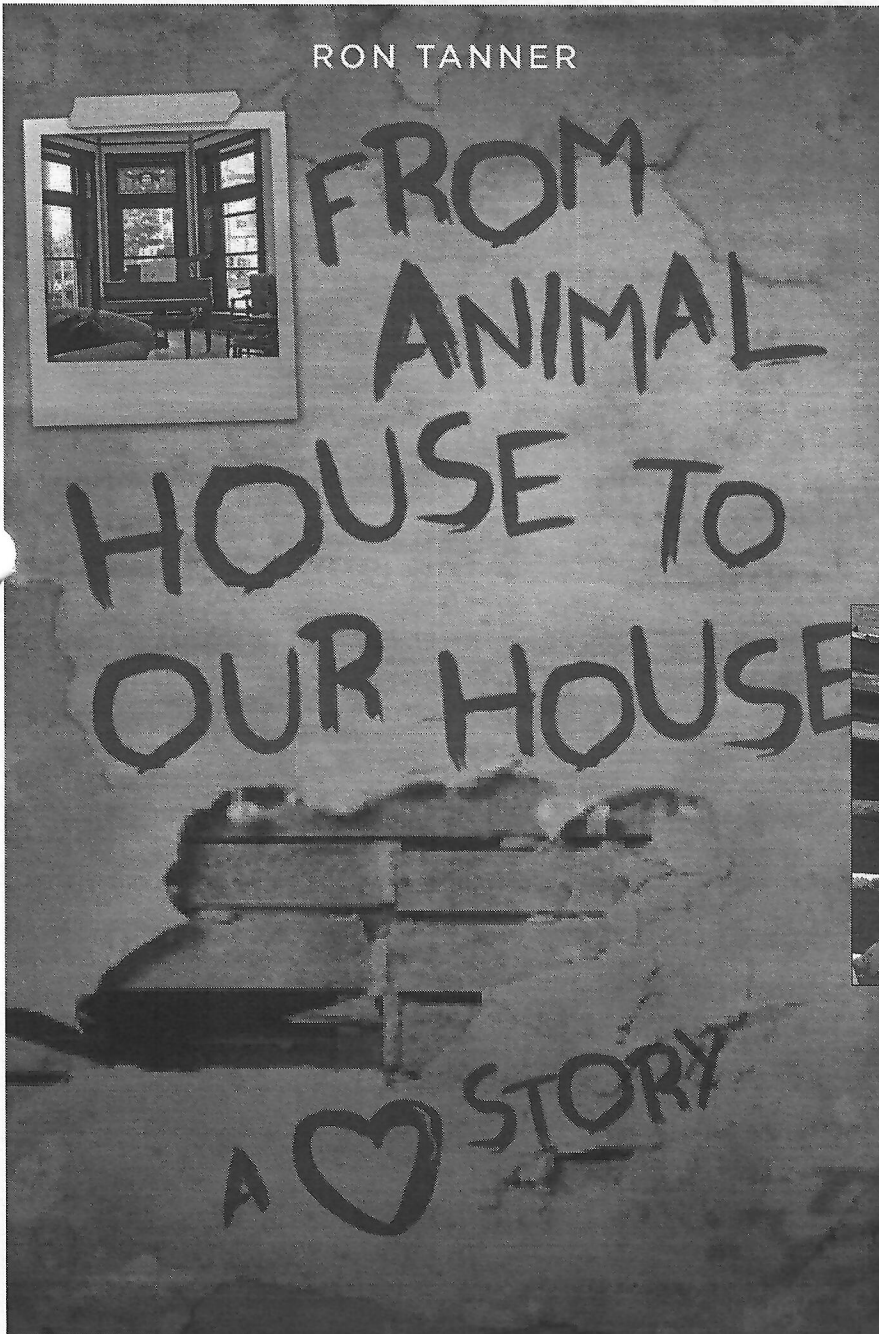
Here you will find an in-depth guide featuring expert reviews, detailed comparisons, and data-driven ratings. All this information is completely free, accessible to everyone, and centralized in one location to help save families through an otherwise time-consuming process.

Researchers and industry experts dedicated many hours examining and evaluating over 40 different home security systems. Based on a number of data points, they were able to narrow that list down to 9 standout systems. With these 9, industry expert Florin Onofrei and the research team conducted a thorough review of each of those options, assessing it on 57 different features. The end result is a data-driven, non-biased rating for each of those home security systems.



MEET THE AUTHOR

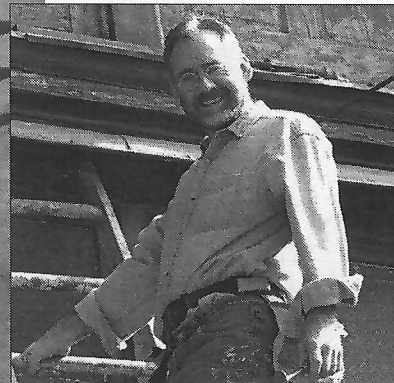
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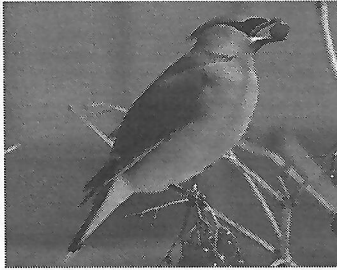
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What's the Word, Bird?



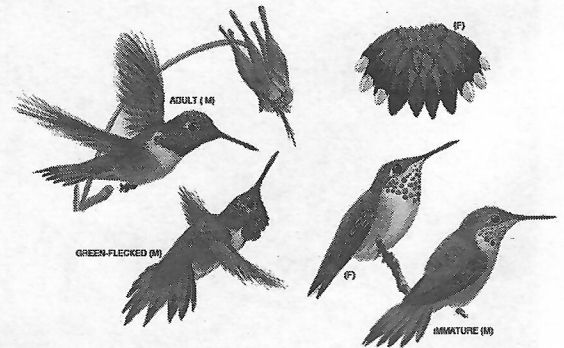
By Justin "J-Bird" Rice



Cedar Waxwing image from larkwire.com

Waxwing Poetic: In search of berry, flocks find merry, so set your sights near, **Cedar Waxwings** are here! These members of the silky-flycatcher family descend in flocks during our winters to devour pyranantha, yaupon, holly, and other berries. Catch them while you can – they'll fly in unannounced and be gone in a day or two after cleaning out your berries. Very distinctive in appearance, they have short crests, a narrow dark mask, yellow tipped tails, some red tipped wing feathers, and tan-greyish bodies.

Rover, Red Rover, Let Rufous Come Over: Most of our hummingbird visitors passed through in the fall on their way south of the border, but a few species make surprise winter appearances. The past two weeks we've had a couple of **Rufous Hummingbirds** at our feeder. These hummers tend to frequent the western U.S. (as far as southeast Alaska in the summer) but a few stray east toward the Gulf Coast in the winter. These hummers are set apart by their coppery feathering, more prominent on the males than females. **Buff-bellied Hummingbirds** may similarly play surprise visits. A good feeder mix is 4 parts water to 1 part sugar – save the food dye for cascarones!



Rufous Hummingbird Illustration by H. Douglas Pratt
<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com>



Monticello Park Purple Martin House

Ready Your Martin Houses: The **Purple Martins** seem to be arriving earlier each year – our first arrived last year on Feb. 17, on Feb. 19 in 2012, and on Feb. 27 in 2013. Scouts tend to arrive in the first wave, followed by larger groupings within the next month. If you don't have a Purple Martin house, now is the time to get one in place – look for an area in your yard with plenty of open space for landings and departures and don't be surprised if it takes a couple of years to have a group establish a home base – once established, you can count on repeat returns. And if you have a martin house, time to clean house and evict the sparrows!

Please share any unusual sightings with me at justrice@yahoo.com.

Justin "J-Bird" Rice

SINGLE-USE BAG BAN PROPOSED FOR SAN ANTONIO

In the fall, a single-use bag ban was proposed by District 7 Councilmember Cris Medina with the help of Councilmembers Taylor, Saldana, Lopez, and Gonzalez. In February, the issue will go before the Governance Committee (a subcommittee of city council) where they will consider all options.



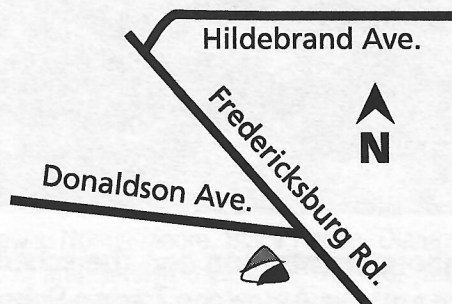
Councilman Cris Medina's office is encouraging folks to sign the petition at change.org, which can be found at this link: <https://www.change.org/petitions/san-antonio-city-council-transition-retailers-from-single-use-bags-to-reusable-bags>

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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Undergraduate and graduate students, historic preservationists, historical societies, cultural arts organizations, and the community-at-large convene a summit highlighting the AMERICAN LATINO THEME STUDY and the importance of identifying and preserving Latino heritage in Texas.

Panel discussions and break-out sessions will feature Latino scholars, community members, and leading preservation advocates.

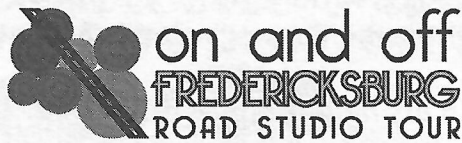
The American Latino Scholars Expert Panel was established under the auspices of the National Park System Advisory Board. The expert panel provided advice on the conceptual frame and structure of *American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study*, and advises the Board on engaging with the Latino American community to document their stories through the National Historic Landmarks and National Register of Historic Programs, and to enhance the interpretation and educational programs in national parks.

www.facebook.com/latinoscholarspanel

Additional details about registration and the schedule of events will be available on the National Park Service website and the American Latino Scholars Facebook page in the coming weeks.

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BIHL HAUS ARTS PRESENTS THE 7TH ANNUAL ON & OFF FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR

WHEN: Opening Reception @ Bihl Haus, Friday, Feb. 21, 6-9 pm
Studio Tour: Saturday, February 22, 11 am to 6 pm; and Sunday, February 23, noon to 5 pm
Closing Reception @ Woodlawn Theatre, Sunday, February 23, 6 to 8 pm.

WHERE: The tour centers geographically on Fredericksburg Road, which forms one boundary of the tour's seven featured neighborhoods in Districts 1 and 7 including Monticello Park, Jefferson, Woodlawn Lake, Los Angeles Heights, Keystone, Beacon Hill, and Alta Vista.

CONTACT: Kellen McIntyre, Executive Director, Bihl haus Arts, kellenkee@swbell.net; cell: 210-383-9723

The annual **ON & OFF FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR** has a whole NEW look—new logo, new website, new mobile website, new catalog design. It also has MORE—more participating artists, more studios to visit, more art, more street banners, just MORE! Now in its 7th year, **On & Off Fred** is set to explode with color, beauty, music, flash theater, poetry and music, all in some of San Antonio's most eclectic and interesting neighborhoods, including Monticello Park!

So, get set to explore the 'hood in a brand new way on **Saturday, February 22, 11am-6pm, and Sunday, February 23, 12-5pm**, when artists open their home studios, cooperatives and pop-up storefronts for this spectacular annual event. From reclaimed former neighborhood grocery stores to intimate backyard sanctuaries, the studios on the tour provide the environments in which area artists create a variety of hand-made artworks, such as metalworks, large ceramic sculptures, jewelry, fashion and fiberart, one-of-a-kind light fixtures, art photography, hand-crafted furniture and a variety of paintings in various styles. Demonstrations, hospitality, and opportunities to purchase art *directly* from the artist are all part of the **On & Off Fred** experience.

The tour weekend kicks off **Friday evening, February 21, 6-9 pm**, with the **On & Off Fred Autograph Party at Bihl Haus Arts, 2803 Fredericksburg Rd**, located at Primrose at Monticello Park Apartments. On exhibit will be works by each of the 80+ featured visual artists, who will be on hand to autograph your copy of the tour catalog. Lavish hors d'oeuvres, wine, live music and the opportunity to mingle with artists, event sponsors and community leaders fill the evening. Special evening events will take place at **The Playhouse** on Saturday, Feb. 22, and at the **Woodlawn Theatre** on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The studio tour was founded in early 2007 by Bihl Haus Arts director Kellen Kee McIntyre and area artists Dale Jenssen and David and Maria Guerrero. The inaugural Steering Committee also included area artists David Alcantar, Richard Arredondo, Marleen Hoover, Debora Keller-Rihn, Barbra Kelley, Sally Lewis, Norma Moore, Stacy Parten, Diana Roberts and David Rubin, plus area residents Charlotte Kahl, Edna Hinojosa, Roy Muniz and Carolyn Sanchez. The tour has grown from a core of 25 artists in 2008 to more than 80 featured artists, plus more than 200 visual, literary and performing artists who participate in official group shows, flash performances and other special events.

For more information, please visit On and Off Fred's brand new website at www.onandofffred.org. Admission for two is free to all events with the purchase of the catalog, available this year online and in printed versions. Printed catalogs (\$10 advance, includes online version) will be available starting February 1st at these local businesses: **BIG GRASS** (637 W. Hildebrand), **BRAND NEW 2ND HAND BOUTIQUE** (702 Fredericksburg Road), **DECO PIZZERIA** (1815 Fredericksburg Road), **FIRSTMARK CREDIT UNION** (122 Donaldson Ave.) & **VEE'S SALON** (1022 Donaldson Ave.), or by mail from the website (\$15, includes postage). They will also be available during the tour for \$15 at Bihl Haus on Feb. 22 & 23. The online catalog (\$5, online only) will be available soon. Check the website and follow the tour on Facebook and Twitter. Real-time tweets during the tour will alert visitors to happenings and special events, like flash performances, art demos, readings and more!

MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Monticello Park Neighborhood Association is for both homeowners and renters.

Yes, I want to invest in my neighborhood. Enclosed is my 2014 contribution.

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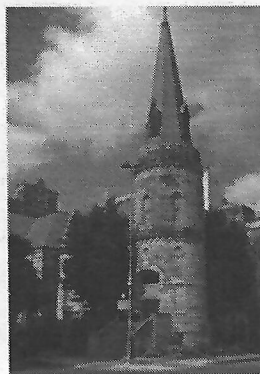
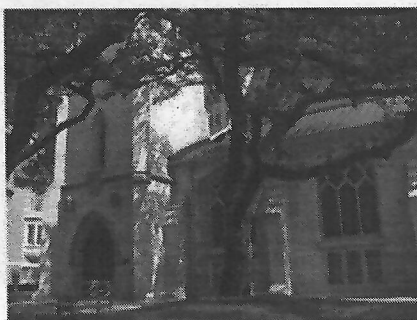
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Come discover the historic downtown churches of San Antonio with the Office of Historic Preservation on Saturday, February 8. This tour is a great chance to experience our beautiful historic downtown and get fit along the way! Registration is \$15 and includes a t-shirt. Runners and walkers of all skill levels are welcome! Tour begins at the old Ursuline Academy (Southwest School of Art) at 300 Augusta in the Copper Kitchen dining room. Please arrive at 8:30 a.m. for check-in. Tour starts at 9 a.m. See you there!



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