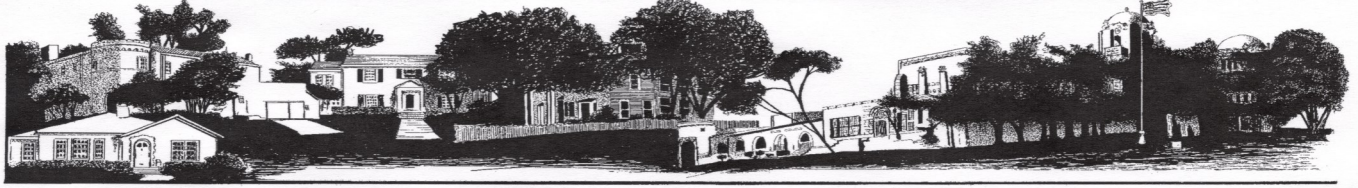


# Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



July—August 2014

Reaching 730 Homes in the Monticello Park Neighborhood

## NEXT MEETING

**MONDAY**  
**July 28, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

Grace Presbyterian Church  
950 Donaldson Avenue

**Monday's meeting  
will feature**

SAISD Construction  
update

Street Parking around  
Jefferson High School

Zoning within MPNA

## INDEPENDENCE DAY In Monticello Park



*Board member Rob Sipes and son, Tristan, lead off the 4th of July Children's Parade at Woodlawn Lake Park. Association members gathered in the gym to help hundreds of San Antonio children to get decorated for the parade.*



*(Above Left) Board member Richard Weik and Tarquin, and representatives from both sides of the Atlantic get in the Independence Day spirit in Monticello Park*

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The past few months have been full of activity so to be brief, I'll jump right to the news impacting MPNA our surrounding community:

City of San Antonio Vacant Building Ordinance (VBO): MPNA supported the Office of Historic Preservation's VBO pilot program ordinance which was approved on June 19, 2014 by City Council. The VBO's direct impact to MPNA and surrounding community: all vacant buildings with the Monticello Park Historic District and landmarks within the greater community will have to register with the City of San Antonio and be inspected annually. Can some vacant buildings be exempt?: Yes, Single family residential buildings that meet the standard of care are exempt from the program. The requirement to register within 90 days may be extended for properties listed for sale or lease at fair market value. The VBO establishes a minimum standard of care and upkeep and penalties for violation. Registration fee: \$250 for a single-family residences and \$750 for all other structures. In addition, an annual inspection fee of \$0.01 per square foot (\$50 minimum) will be charged.

Opening new Woodlawn Lake Bridge: Just in the nick of time.....the new vehicular bridge and W. Woodlawn opened late on July 3, 2014 in anticipation of the 4th of July events at Woodlawn Lake.

Groundbreaking of the new Wal-Mart: The new store will be located near the intersection of Woodlawn and Bandera. It has brought life back into an area where development was stagnant after the anchor store, Kroger, closed its doors many years ago.

The Restaurant Depot Renovations: Expansion is underway on 3 sides of the building to bring added floor space within the store, refrigeration and new loading docks. Estimated date of completion: September 2015.

4th of July Children's Parade: Much thanks to all the volunteers from MPNA for assisting with a successful event! Special thanks to Richard Weik for making 200 patriotic crowns (halos)!!! There were over 400 children who showcased their patriotic spirit.

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For article submission and calendar of events, please contact the editor,  
Ferne Burney, 734-2445  
[ferneburney@hotmail.com](mailto:ferneburney@hotmail.com)

Thomas Jefferson High School: You may have noticed the temporary fencing on every side of the building in the past 2 months. The corner of Donaldson and Wilson parking lot is fenced but will remain open for parking. The SAISD portable building on this lot will be removed before school begins. The fenced areas are where major renovations or construction will occur. SAISD will provide a timeline on the phases and construction traffic information for the next MPNA General Assembly.

Deco Mercado Days: Great New Event in the community with excellent produce. If you missed it this month I hope you will catch the event in the coming months!

Hope to see you at the upcoming General Assembly.

Bianca Maldonado  
President  
Monticello Park Neighborhood Association

**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 2014 contribution.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would also like to help on the following committees:**

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|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <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**

- \$10 Senior Dues  
 \$15 Member Dues  
 \$\_\_ Additional for  
\_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
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## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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Officer Vidal..... 218-6546  
SAPD — West Substation..... 207-7420  
SAISD Police..... 271-3124  
VIA Transit..... 362-2019  
SAISD Truancy Office..... 223-2360

Office of Historic Preservation 215-9274  
Ron Meyers 219-2093  
Historic Building Enforcement Officer

If you didn't go to Deco Mercado Days on Saturday, July 19, 2014, you missed a pleasant outing. Finley Rice, one of our newest residents, 4 months old, strolled by with parents, Justin and Sarah, pushing his carriage. The morning was relatively cool, and a little breeze fanned the morning air. Finding out about the market the night before at a pop-up party in South Town, I determined to make this Saturday event.

Plenty of parking behind the Deco Building at 1800 Fredericksburg Rd. was available. Opening the car door, music greeted the guests. The flavors of our multi-cultural neighborhood shone through with art, booths featuring paper mache skulls, colorful art and jewelry, scented oils, and body creams. But the best part for this Saturday shopper were the vegetable and fruit stands. The two trucks had signs reading "Farms from Devine, Tx". Produce offered included potatoes, green beans, squash, cucumbers, peppers, onions, tomatoes, cantaloupe, and watermelon. Maggie and Gabe Ortiz brought their young sprouts, Christian and Alessandra. Christian wanted a watermelon and so a watermelon became part of Gabe's walking apparel.

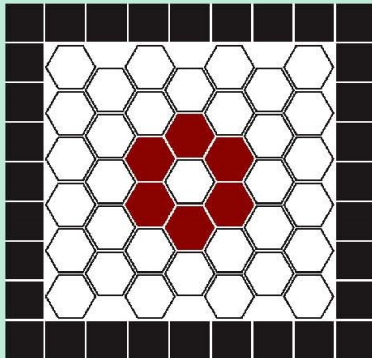


Oh! and the okra for all you brave souls who like okra was tender, and according the farmer, offering a new variety. And to the sweet things, there were fat and smaller bear jars of local honey, homemade jams and jellies. The varieties included wild plum jelly made from fruit gathered by the roadside, strawberry jam, fig jellies and jams, and blackberry jam. Purchasing the last jar of blackberry jam, I moved on to the pickled items. Homemade pickles lined the tailgate of one truck. Nearby pickled okra, beets, and salsa stood in line. Oh! and maybe a chow-chow. Forgot to mention the baskets of fresh corn with the farmer proudly pulling back the shucks to show the fat kernels of corn.

The farm trucks were few, but maybe with neighborhood support, the market will grow. Come next time and help us nourish this little market.

# SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 27, 2014



## HISTORIC HOMEOWNER FAIR



Pearl Full Goods Studio & Brezeway  
200 East Grayson

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Free and Open to the Public

# SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Join the Office of Historic Preservation for the  
**6th Annual Historic Homeowner Fair**

Pearl, Full Goods Studio & Brezeway

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

**Free and open to the public**, the fair provides a unique opportunity to interact and discuss issues related to caring for older homes.

**Educational sessions** and **hands-on demonstrations** cover numerous topics related to preserving San Antonio's unique architectural character.

Check out the **Exhibitor Hall** to find products, services, and information targeted to residents interested in improving their older homes.

Visit [www.sanantonio.gov/historic](http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic) to learn more. Questions? Email [OHP@sanantonio.gov](mailto:OHP@sanantonio.gov) or call 210-215-9274



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION**



*The new pedestrian bridge is now complete at Woodlawn Lake Park. Changes continue at the lake and the surrounding streets.*

*We look forward to all of the safety improvements with the many changes, but the esthetic changes are certainly welcome as this park becomes more and more family and neighborhood friendly!*

### KEEP MONTICELLO BELLO!!

*Are you up to the TREE CHALLENGE??*

*If you are willing to participate in the tree challenge, please contact Board Member, Laura Reid at [laurareidmpna@gmail.com](mailto:laurareidmpna@gmail.com) to get the details, get a new tree for your front yard, and green cup Monticello Park!*



# Fourth of July Children's Parade At Woodlawn Lake Park



*Above, the winners of the Most Patriotic group at the Children's Parade on the 4th of July (above). Notice the HEBuddy. We are grateful to the many volunteers who helped on this very hot day. Thanks also to the Jefferson/Woodlawn Lake CDC for the donation which allowed the MPNA to purchase the many supplies used that day.*

# DECO MERCADO DAYS

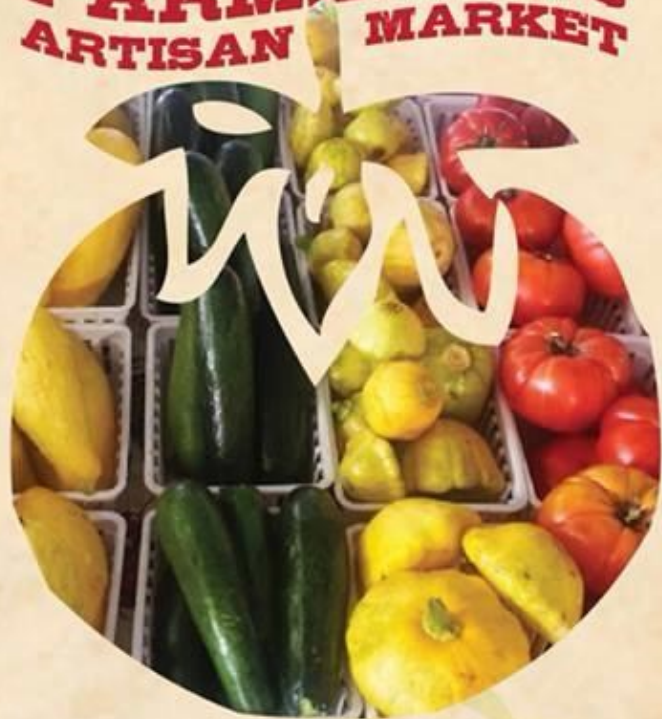
**WHERE:** 1800 Fredericksburg Rd.  
Deco Building Grounds  
210-432-1896

**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

## FARMERS' & ARTISAN MARKET



**ART**



**MUSIC**



**JULY 19**  
**9AM <sup>TO</sup> 2PM**

*AND*

**EVERY 3RD SATURDAY**

**SAVE THE DATES:**  
AUGUST 16, SEPTEMBER 20, OCTOBER 18  
NOVEMBER 15, AND DECEMBER 20



**Chris Medina**  
**District 7**





## **Connect with Social Media Now!**

Just under 200 neighbors are staying connected through Facebook. Join our group at Monticello Park Neighborhood Association (Catchy name for the page, right?).

Hear about the neighborhood skunks, the lost pets, the houses for sale/rent or needing attention, and about all of the happenings in the lives of our friends.

There is a page just for parents of the MPNA, and they connect for play dates and activities.

Join the fun!

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**July 28: MPNA General Assembly, 7:00 PM, Grace Presbyterian Church.**

**August 1: Last date for the Balconies Jazz Festival at Wonderland of the Americas Mall**

**August 2: Seth Rudetsky's Big Fat Broadway Show, live at the Woodlawn Theater**

**August 15: Beginning "Smokey Joe's Café" run at the Woodlawn Theater**

**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESS,  
RESTAURANTS, THEATER, AND SCHOOLS.**

