

Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



January – February 2015



*Happy
New Year*

May this new year all your
dreams turn into reality and
all your efforts into great
achievements.

*Start the New Year off right
by joining the
Monticello Park
Neighborhood Association!*

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Jan Peranteau

Laura Reid and John Hernandez both have property elsewhere. Laura owns a condo in Alamo Heights and John has a duplex in Monte Vista. So why did they choose to plant their feet on the soil of Monticello Park? Laura said, "We were looking for more affordable housing. We looked in Alamo Heights and Monte Vista. Property is so expensive there that you can't afford to renovate. We looked at a lot of neighborhoods and found this neighborhood to be the most interesting. The houses were built from the 1920s on. They are here to stay." John added, "There is depth of interest in the housing styles." Laura said, "I love the deco style. The houses are architecturally interesting and in a very small area."

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ATTEND THE
Monticello Park
Neighborhood Association
General Assembly Meeting

Monday,
January 26

7PM

950 Donaldson
Grace Presbyterian Church

Program:

Graffiti abatement

Update on community
projects:

Woodlawn Lake
Jefferson High School
Laddie Place, III

President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope your 2015 is off to a great start! Here are some of the happenings and upcoming events for MPNA.

2015 MPNA Board Elected: A huge thank you to Rob Sipes, Michael Robbins, and Adrian Contreras for their service to MPNA in 2014! A new year brings new people to the MPNA Board of Directors for 2015 and six returning members. The 2015 board is comprised of residents who have lived in the Monticello Park Community ranging from 4 months to 38 years. 2015 Board President: Bianca Maldonado; Vice President: Gary Hudman; Treasurer: Richard Weik; Secretary: Ressie O'Connors; and Board Members: Laura Reid, Sherri Shadrock, Tom Simmons, Drea Garza, Tony Sanchez, and Patrick Shea.

Monticello Park Historic District Signs Installed 12/11/2014: MPNA made a request to Councilman Medina's Office for two new intersection signs on March 25, 2013 during a General Assembly meeting with aide, Joseph Cortez. In the spring of 2013, the Councilman was funding intersection signage for the Phase 5 addition to the Monticello Park Historic District and MPNA requested that two intersections to be added. Unfortunately MPNA's request was not acted on even though it was requested multiple times at MPNA GA meetings with five different Council Aides. Thanks to Delaney Tholen, D7 aide at the November GA meeting, MPNA has two new intersection signs: Quentin/Lake (was knocked down in an accident and the City put a blue street sign) and Quentin/Kampmann (sign was damaged and faded). Having streets signs mark the Monticello Park Historic District Boundaries is critical to educate and promote the location of the District.

Graffiti Clean-up 12/2014: MPNA set out in teams on Saturday 12/13/14 to report Graffiti in and surrounding our community. We reported over 65 locations using the City of San Antonio's 311 app. Many were cleaned up, some tagged again, and others still need attention. Please take advantage of the app and report graffiti as you travel through the neighborhood.

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VIA Transit 362-2019
Code Compliance 311
Animal Control 311
Office of Historic Preservation 215-9274
Ron Meyers 219-2093
Historic Building Enforcement Officer

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Purchasing the house in May of 2013, they began renovating this sturdy Tudor brick cottage of a little more than 1500 square feet. Peeling up cheap flooring in the kitchen, they discovered wooden floors beneath. Poor tile construction in the kitchen and bathroom was replaced with granite counter tops in the kitchen and new tile in the bathroom. New cabinets were installed, giving the kitchen more storage space. Laura said, "The major renovation was done by a contractor while I re-surfaced the walls and painted." She patched large holes created by the re-wiring of the house.

In September of 2013, they moved in. "When we moved in, I wondered if we had made a mistake. Some neighbors took good care of their property, while others didn't," John said. Laura added, "I had my trash attack." Seeing so much trash blowing across the yards discouraged them. Laura said much of it comes from Fredericksburg Road. Still, determined to do something, Laura saw a Monticello Park newspaper that advertised a social at Cool Crest Golf. She and John went and met some people. They discovered that they knew Sarah Rice through a non-profit that John had worked for. Sarah worked for the same non-profit. "Sarah helped me get involved." Sarah said, "You should join the neighborhood association and get on the board." So Laura joined the association and got on the board when elections came around.

In the fall of 2014, Laura called a meeting for all people interested in making Monticello Park more beautiful. The group met at a local coffee shop with about six people in attendance. A trash pick-up day was organized and carried out on a Saturday. At some point, the name, Keep Monticello Bello, was given to the group. A logo has been designed for the group. It was designed by a neighbor, Patrick Shea, who lives on Club also. Laura said, "We plan to have the logo put on t-shirts. It will be cool to see us all in Keep Monticello Bello shirts on a clean-up day."

Laura has been a key figure in the clean up of the neighborhood including our alleys. Manning a weed-eater, she cut a path through alleys behind Club and Mary Louise. She helped with the Tree-Planting Initiative this fall, helping to plant 25 new trees in the neighborhood. She served on the historic home tour committee of Monticello Park homes in the fall of 2014. She created posters, emphasizing our Deco history. She hosted a meeting for the home tour committee and worked tirelessly to help make the event a success.

And what do they love about the neighborhood? John said, "The people are so welcoming. It is worth staying because of the people" The neighborhood parties are a good way to get to know people. We really enjoyed Wayne Ehrisman's Christmas party. " Laura said, "We have met our neighbors on Club but we are striving to meet all our neighbors." John expressed a desire to form a neighborhood wine club.



*John Hernandez and Laura Reid,
at home in Monticello Park*

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When asked what she enjoys doing in the neighborhood, Laura replied, “ I like walking through the neighborhood, seeing all the beautiful houses that people have put work into. This is a beautiful neighborhood. It could be much more beautiful if we all get involved.”

What about crime? John said, “We have a lot more petty crime here. We installed a security system and cameras.” Laura added, “There was a dog next door that had been chained and left on the property. I guess they used him for security while they were renovating the property.” Laura asked the owners if they would consider giving Roger, a 50-pound brown mutt to us since he stayed outside in whatever weather all the time. After some talking, Roger got a new home, a general de-lousing, and a bath. He got a doghouse and he is no longer on a chain. He has the run of the back yard, complete with two windows for peeping out of the privacy fence. Finally, he has another dog to play with. “That day, when I gave Roger his bath, I figured we were going to get to know each other, for better or worse.” It turns out to be for better. Laura added, “He’s a big brown mutt with a lot of charisma.”



DISCOVER THE ARTISTS OF THE DECO DISTRICT. SUPPORT OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS.



Some of you may have received my Holiday cards featuring the art of Jefferson resident Margaret Craig. Margaret is only one of the many artists that call our thriving neighborhood home.

“Grackle Dance” is a commentary on manipulation of the environment that makes it perfect for species that we humans love to hate. Personally though, Margaret loves the Texas Great Tailed Grackles.

Currently she is Chair and Professor of Printmaking at San Antonio’s Southwest School of Art. She has lived on Donaldson Avenue for 15 years. You can find information on Margaret’s art by visiting her website at MargaretCraig.com.

This artist spotlight is brought to you by local Realtor Camille Rodriguez Brigant. You can contact her for a free personalized evaluation of your home’s value. Call or stop by her office, conveniently located at Huisache & Zarzamora.

Rey Garza Real Estate is a proud sponsor of On and Off Fredricksburg Road Studio Tour. Come see us February 22nd and 23rd as we host local artists at our 2722 N Zarzamora location. To find out more, visit onandoffred.org.



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2014 Restoration and Beautification Award Part 1: Congratulations to Joe and Diana Simpson for their home improvements in 2014. Their project included restoration of front porch, front steps/walkway, wrought iron, and grading near the foundation and cleaning of stone around the chimney. Deadline for Part 2 Restoration and Beautification Award is February 28th, 2015. (See page 6 for photos of this award-winning project! Editor)

MPNA Holiday Party: Thank you to Wayne Ehrisman for hosting the Holiday Party this year. It was a festive event enjoyed by all!

District 7: I received several comments regarding changes in the D7 Office over the holidays. Please note the following personnel changes: since the 12/8/2014 D7 Newsletter, the following people are no longer with D7: Derek Roberts, Delaney Tholen, Frank Nguyen, and Becky Padilla. Additionally, I received an email on 12/22 from David C Quinene, introducing himself as the New D7 Chief of Staff. However, he too is no longer with the D7 Office as of mid-January. No new individuals have been hired.

2015 MPNA Dues: The annual dues helps ensure MPNA can distribute the newsletter to all, award academic scholarships, award restoration and beautification awards, have socials, and sponsor cleanups within the community. Please pay your dues for 2015.

MPNA 2015 Scholarship: MPNA will award a scholarship to a graduating senior who resides within the MPNA boundaries or attends TJHS. The application Deadline is March 31, 2015. Please turn applications into a board member or mail them to the MPNA mailbox.

Bianca Maldonado

President, Monticello Park Neighborhood Association

Graffiti Abatement

Join neighbors in cleaning up graffiti in
Monticello Park on

February 7, 2015

9:00 AM

Monticello Park, at the Gazebo
444 Club Drive





*The front porch of the Simpson residence
prior to restoration*



The work in progress



The finished project

Keeping Monticello Bello

Joe and Diana Simpson won the entire \$2500 prize for Restoration and Beautification in Monticello Park. The scope of work included restoration of the front porch and steps, grading surrounding the foundations, wrought iron railing on the porch, and cleaning of the stone on the chimney.

The award was given in December, and the new competition begins immediately. Another \$2500 in awards will be available to residents within the Monticello Park boundaries. See the application and instructions included in this newsletter for rules and requirements.

8th Annual ON & OFF FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR February 21-22, 2015

Get set to explore the 'hood at the 8th Annual On & Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour, on **Saturday, February 21, 11 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, February 22, noon-5 pm**, when artists open their home studios, cooperatives and pop-ups 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 broad selection of handmade artworks, such as large ceramic and stone sculpture, jewelry, fashion, metalworks, fiber and textile arts, one-of-a-kind light fixtures, art photography, hand-crafted furniture and a variety of paintings, drawings and prints in all mediums. Demonstrations, hospitality and opportunities to purchase art directly from the artists are all part of the **On & Off Fred** experience.

The tour weekend kicks off **Friday evening, February 20, 6:00-9:00 pm**, with the not-to-be-missed **On & Off Fred Autograph Party** at **Bihl Haus Arts, 2803 Fredericksburg Rd.** 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. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, live music by Latin fusion band **Los Nahuatlats**, and the opportunity to mingle with artists, event sponsors and community leaders fill the evening.

MPNA will be well represented in this year's tour by artists Pearl Sanchez (painting), Sarah Shore (ceramics), David S. Rubin (drawing), Dora A. Orejel (painting), Norman René Avila (painting & drawing), David Guerrero (painting), María Guerrero (jewelry), Mike Owen (mixed-media), Vickie Owen (textile arts), Katrina Cook (book arts), Catherine A. Lee (jazz poetry) and Edith Cuellar (weaving). Some MPNA participants will also host additional guest artists in their home studios.

For more information, please visit Fred's website at www.onandofffred.org on your computer or mobile device. Admission for two to all events is included with purchase of the full color 100+ page catalog (\$10 advance in print or online versions), which will be available starting February 1st at these local businesses: **THE JUNCTION** (1704 Blanco Road), **VEE'S SALON** (1022 Donaldson), **DECO PIZZERIA** (1815 Fredericksburg Road) and at **THE TWIG BOOKSTORE** (Pearl Brewery) and **LA CANTERA BARNES & NOBLE**; or by mail from the website (\$15, includes postage). They will also be available during the tour for \$15 at Bihl Haus on Feb. 21 and 22. Check the website and follow Fred on Facebook and Twitter. Real-time tweets during the tour will alert you to happenings and special events, like flash performances, art demos, readings and more!

The 8th annual **On & Off Fredericksburg Rd. Studio Tour** is made possible with the support of the City of San Antonio Department of Culture and Creative Development, Texas Commission on the Arts, NEA Art Works. Special thanks to Silver Eagle Distributors and to the Jefferson Woodlawn Lake CDC; and Rey Garza Realty, Oscar's Ironworks, Michael Imbimbo Architects, AIA; and to Fred's Amigos for their amazing support!. On & Off is presented by Bihl Haus Arts (www.bihlhausarts.org), located at Primrose at Monticello Park Apartments, the only non-profit professional art gallery on the premises of 100% senior affordable housing in the U.S. For more information, (210) 383-9723, or bihlhaus@gmail.com

Monticello Park Neighborhood Association Beautification Application

Please complete the application below. The application is a continuing process, so it is suggested that supporting documents and receipts be kept in a folder until submission. Projects can be simple or grand in scope. All should add to the beauty or preserve the history of Monticello Park.

This application is due by Saturday, February 28, 2015. It and the supporting documents can be turned in to any board member. Receipts, work orders, contracts, etc. do not need to be originals. Photocopies may be submitted, but the dates and relevant information must be visible.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

This is the

first time I have submitted this project for consideration.

second time I am submitting this project. I did not receive a reimbursement award the first time it was submitted.

Please give a description of the planned work. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to the application. Please write or print legibly.

All rules listed below must be followed. A committee selected by the Board of Directors will make the final decision as to which household will receive the reimbursement award.

1. The full application must be submitted to a board member by Saturday, February 28, 2015.
2. The total amount of prize available is \$2500. Multiple prizes may be awarded: a portion of the total prize money available.
3. Applications must include receipts, work orders, contracts, the Certificate of Appropriateness from the Office of Historic Preservation, or photocopies of the same. The Monticello Park Neighborhood Association will reimburse up to \$2500 for a winning project or lesser amounts if multiple prizes are awarded. If the cost is less than \$2500, reimbursement will be up to the amount of the cost.
4. Some store receipts do not give details as to what was purchased. Please list purchases on a sheet of paper. Receipts or copies of receipts must be turned in along with this list.
5. The project must be able to be seen by anyone who stands on the street. The project should be completed in the front of the house for houses in the middle of the block. For corner houses, the project can be on either the front or the side of the house or yard.
6. A "before" and an "after" picture of the project are required.
7. All repairs/maintenance and changes, including window repairs and landscaping, must be submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation for approval. A Certificate of Appropriateness is issued by the OHP for projects appropriate to the Historic District. This certificate must accompany the application to the MPNA. The Office of Historic Preservation is located at 1901 South Alamo. The phone number is 215-9274.
8. There are certain types of work that may need a permit from the city. Check with the Office of Planning and Development before beginning any work and obtain a permit if one is needed. If a permit is needed from the city, a copy of the permit should be submitted as part of the application. The Office of Planning and Development is located at 1901 South Alamo. The phone number is 207-1111.
9. If the application is submitted for a project that was not awarded a prize previously, ensure that the appropriate box is checked on the application.



*Monticello Park Neighborhood Association
Scholarship Application*

This application must be returned by Monday, March 30, 2015.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

***GPA:** _____

***Class Rank:** _____

**These must be completed and initialed by your school counselor.*

List PreAP or AP courses you have taken and completed, or are presently taking.

List any clubs or activities you have participated in since your freshman year.

Go to the next page.

List any jobs you have had/or currently have.

List the colleges/universities you would like to attend.

List the field(s) of study which interest you.

Write a short essay that describes you. It can be an experience, a goal, or an achievement in your life. It can also be a short autobiography. Please limit your essay to two pages. Your essay may be handwritten or typed.

When your application and essay are completed, return them to the counseling office (for Thomas Jefferson High School students), or to the Scholarship chairman (resident of Monticello Park and attending another high school) no later than Monday, March 30, 2015. No late applications or essays will be accepted.

Once the Monticello Park Scholarship Committee has reviewed the applications and essays, the field of applicants will be narrowed, and finalists will be announced. The finalists will then be invited to meet with the Scholarship Committee for a personal interview.

We hope to announce the winner of our scholarship by the end of April.

Any problems or questions concerning the scholarship can be addressed to the President of the MPNA Board at 732-9950.

Urban Renaissance Luncheon With Don Rypkema

2/18/2015 11:30 AM



Join Centro San Antonio at the Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk, 111 East Pecan Street for the next Urban Renaissance Luncheon.

Renowned preservation economist Don Rypkema will present an insightful overview of the 2015 "Historic Preservation in the Life and the Economy of San Antonio" report. Developer Dennis McDaniel's will also present on the challenging and rewarding journey to reuse and re-purpose a former warehouse into the award winning Steel House Lofts.



MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
The MPNA is for everyone (owners and renters)

Yes, I want to invest in my neighborhood. Enclosed is my 2015 contribution.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

I would also like to help on the following committees:

Social Activities Garage Sale Fundraiser Historic Preservation

Scholarship Home Tour Newsletter

Other: _____

Send to: **MPNA, P.O. Box 5851, San Antonio, Texas 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.



At the first of the year, construction at Thomas Jefferson High School has commenced on the East Wing. This brought the construction of fencing to close off the parking lot by the baseball field and all along the perimeter of Kampmann, closing all athletic fields. Please note this is a construction site and the fields are closed: no walking your dog, playing golf, or playing with kids on the fields! This is the noisy part since there is demolition and excavation involved for the new addition.

The fencing locks the fields away from the general public for safety concerns.



The East Wing exterior wall has been demolished in preparation for renovations.



The contractors can work seven days a week beginning at 7AM: yes, even on the weekend! Construction traffic is not supposed to be on our residential streets, so please let MPNA know if you see large trucks cutting through the neighborhood. The traffic plan (on file with the City) allows them on Donaldson, Wilson, and Kampmann only. As updates are received, they will be posted to Facebook.

The fence view from Monticello Park streets



**SIGNS, SIGNS,
EVERWHERE
THERE ARE
SIGNS!**

The District 7 Council Office arranged for the city to install (replace) two street signs within the MPNA.

Note the brown color which distinguishes them as part of a Historic District.



THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

There are tax incentives available to you for substantial rehabilitation of historic building, including your home. This past year, 19 properties (in San Antonio) benefited from the tax incentives. Here's how to qualify:

- 1. Improvements or rehabilitation must total at least 30% of the appraised value.
- 2. The work must be approved by the Historic Design Review Commission (HDRC).
- 3. The improvements or rehabilitation must extend the longevity of your home or building.

Once you meet these criteria, you can choose between two, 10-year local tax exemptions. If you are interested in finding out more about this program, visit the website of the OHP. They encourage you to contact them in the early stages of the project and their staff will help you through the process.





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HDRC Assigned Planners

Cory Edwards : 210-207-1496 Edward Hall : 210-207-4680	Adriana Ziga 210-207-0166	Alyson Smith 210-207-0066
Alamo Plaza	Cattleman's Square	School of Aerospace Medicine
Arsenal	Dignowity Hill	Fulton Avenue
Auditorium Circle	Government Hill	Keystone Park
Hemisfair	Healy-Murphy	Monticello Park
King William	Knob Hill	Woodlawn Lake
La Villita	Monte Vista	Leon Springs
Lavaca	Olmos Park Terrace	
Main / Military Plaza	St. Paul Square	Individual Landmarks
Mission	Tobin Hill	Potential Landmarks / Finding of Historic Significance
Old Lone Star Brewery		National Register / SAL
River Road		Public Property / ROW
Ursuline Academy		
River Improvement Overlay		



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Look for Monticello Park Neighborhood Association.....keep up with the latest news, lost pets, missing items, requests for maintenance help, and just general friendship. Join us today!





Who Knew?

Sisters, Marcia Nasatir and Rose Spector, stand in front of their childhood home on Mary Louise Drive in Monticello Park. They attended Jefferson, and Marcia was a Lasso.

These trailblazers showed courage and patience as they ventured into careers not typically taken by women at the time.

Spector graduated *magna cum laude* from St. Mary's Law School in 1962. Before joining the Texas Supreme Court, she served as a judge for Bexar County Court at Law and on the 131st state District Court bench. Rose Spector was a justice of the Texas Supreme Court (Place 3) from January 1, 1993, to December 31, 1998, and was the first woman elected to the Court and the third to serve on it full time. St. Mary's awarded her with the Rosewood Gavel Award for Outstanding Jurist in 1993 and she was named 1995's Distinguished Law Graduate. Spector has also been honored with the Corporate Fund for Children's "Tell It Like It Is" Award and the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Excellence from the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. Spector practices law in Austin with the firm Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, and teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of Texas.

Nasatir is a film producer and production executive active since the mid-1970s. She began her career as a book editor and literary agent. In 1974, she was named vice president of West Coast development for United Artists. She was the first female to serve as Vice President of Production at a Hollywood studio. After serving in executive positions with Carson Films and 20th Century-Fox, Nasatir relocated to New York in 1983. She formed Marcia Nasatir Productions, based in New York, in 1984. Her productions include *The Big Chill*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Hamburger Hill*, *Ironwood*, *Carrie*, and many others. She currently lives in southern California.

The sisters' father was a merchant who sold materials to the US Army, so although they were born in New York, San Antonio was a good choice for their family.

We intend to feature interesting stories about the homes of Monticello Park. If you have a story about your home or a neighbor's home, please send it to ferneburney@hotmail.com. We would love to hear from you!