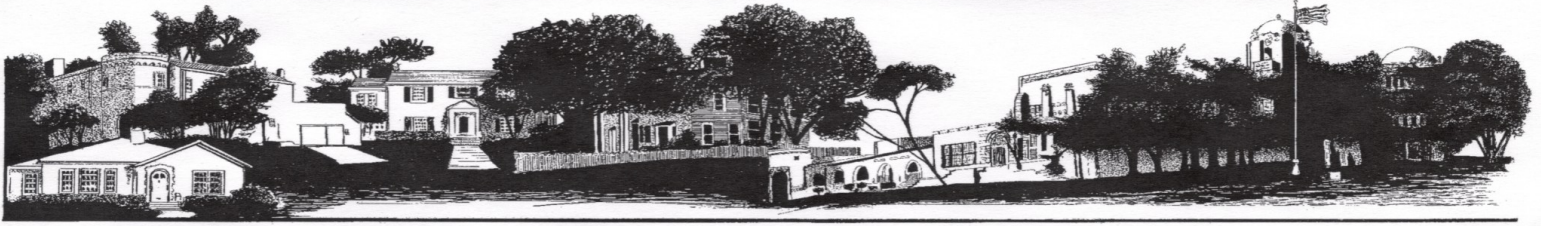


Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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November – December 2018

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Jan Peranteau

Please attend the
Monticello Park
Neighborhood Association
**General Assembly
Meeting**

MONDAY
November 26, 2018
7PM

950 Donaldson, Grace
Presbyterian Church

PROGRAM

SAFFE Officer Vincent
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-Recent Criminal Activity

Neighborhood Christmas
Party

2018 Home Tour

Election of 2019 Officers
and Board

Mayor Lila Cockrell reminisced about her days in the Monticello Park neighborhood in a recent telephone interview. “When we came to the neighborhood, we first lived at 2155 Summit Avenue. Both of our daughters went to Woodlawn Elementary, Horace Mann Middle School, and Thomas Jefferson High School.” She said they later moved into the larger house at 203 Mary Louise in the 60s. “It even had a moat in those days.”

The house had plenty of room for her two girls, Carol and Cathy, to invite friends over. Most of Cockrell’s social life revolved around the schools and the children. Shortly after moving in on Summit, a neighbor, Velma Jones, came calling. She invited them to Grace Presbyterian Church for Sunday services. They went. She said, “My husband was a Presbyterian, and I grew up Methodist. We joined the church and began attending Sunday School as well as sending the girls to church camps in the summer.” Her husband became an elder in the church and Lila an active member. So school and church kept the Cockrells busy, but soon there would be more.



Lila Cockrell, former neighbor in
Monticello Park and former
mayor of San Antonio

A phone call came from Mayor Walter McAllister’s office asking Cockrell to run for City Council. She did so and served as our council person from 1963-1970. In 1973, the Good Government League, a powerful group within the city, wanted her to run for mayor. She did and won, serving as mayor from 1975-1981. She later served again as mayor from 1989-1991. She served four terms all together. She was the first woman to serve as mayor of a major city in the United States.

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President's Message

Neighbors,

This recent cold snap, only days after sunny afternoons in the 90s, causes me to reflect on how quickly the weather can change in Monticello Park. We have also seen a number of other changes over the past year around our neighborhood, and I hope each of you continues to embrace those changes and helps us build the greatest neighborhood in the city. Here are some of the changes I am grateful for which occurred in 2018 and some of what we are looking forward to.

PLANNING FOR PARK UPGRADES

Your MPNA Board championed Bond Funds to complete the Master Plan for the Monticello Park pocket park and met with numerous city officials to detail the needs for the park's completion. This work will be completed in 2019 and give us a rejuvenated gem at the core of our neighborhood. Thank you to the board members who played such a vital role in helping the entire neighborhood.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES

Numerous members of your board interfaced with the city, county, and SAISD on a number of issues which affected the entire neighborhood. Your board worked on Short Term Rentals, Parking near the park, speeding, stops signs, alley maintenance, tree planting, scholarship funding, beautification grants, gentrification, and many other issues in 2018. Please thank them for the work they do on your behalf and consider ways in which you might contribute.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL EVENTS

The board held several social events, including the Pink Flamingo parties, which brought together both new and old neighbors and helped build community. Special thanks to those neighbors who opened up their homes and hosted these great events.

We were all AMAZED at the incredible turnout for the July 4th Kids' Parade in the pocket part. Monticello Park is teeming with young families and I am incredibly excited for our future. I hope to see each of you at our future events. The closer we become, the better we will be able to help each other out in all community aspects.

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Our annual Holiday Party is scheduled for 12/8/18 at 402 Mary Louise, 6:30 pm. Bring a side dish, dessert, or your favorite drink and celebrate the Holiday Season with your neighbors. We will also post this on Facebook and Nextdoor as we get closer to the event.

HOME TOUR

Please help us set an attendance record for our upcoming Monticello Par Home Tour on December 2, 2018. Send your friends and family, share on your social media, and do anything you can to drive attendance at our home tour. This is the primary MPNA fundraiser, which raises funds for scholarships, restoration grants, social events, and numerous efforts which benefit the neighborhood. We cannot create the kind of neighborhood we all want without this fundraiser, so please help us set another attendance record by encouraging everyone you know to attend. Full details are on Facebook (search Monticello Park Holiday Home tour) or on www.monticelloparkna.com You can even buy your tickets online on either site!

GRATITUDE

Thanks to each of you for your support and feedback over the past year. Many of you know that I am undertaking a large renovation of my home and this is starting to consume all of my time. So, I am stepping aside from the presidency and opening an opportunity for strong, new leadership. Please give them your support and help!

Later in this newsletter you will see the proposed slate of officers and board members for 2019, and I hope you support them with your votes. It was a pleasure to serve you, and I will continue to contribute, despite my busy schedule.

Humbly yours,
Gary Hudman
President

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Christmas Comes Early in Monticello Park

By Cathy Teague

Decorations are being dusted off and last minute projects completed as six of your neighbors get ready to open their doors to the city on December 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during our 16th Biennial Holiday Home Tour & Christmas Market. Earlier this year, the intrepid Home Tour Committee, chaired by Gary Hudman, began brain-storming to make this year's event the most successful ever.

Homes with architectural styles ranging from Rock Cottage to Mediterranean, California Colonial, Ranch, Georgian and brick Traditional are featured. Many have original details such as pastel tiles in the baths, lighting sconces in the living areas, staircases with iron rails and wood floors galore. You'll see homes which have been meticulously restored to their former glory while others which have been renovated for easy living. All are charming and filled with character. And, all will be decorated for the holidays in time to receive their guests that Sunday morning.

Don't forget that in addition to the self-guided tour, there's a Christmas Market located at Jefferson United Methodist Church, 758 Donaldson Avenue, in the Community Room. It is here that you will pay for your ticket (\$15 in advance, \$20 per person the day of the event) and receive a booklet, which is your "ticket" to each home on the tour.

The proceeds from the tour provide college scholarships for Jefferson High School students and for neighborhood improvements. We want to thank our amazing sponsors who are financially supporting this effort: Alamo Hardwoods; Deux South Creative; Friends of San Antonio Symphony; Motif Boutique Brokerage; Ranch Rice, Keller Williams; Mayors of Monticello Park; and, the Law Offices of Scalise-Qubrosi. Other supporters include: Joseph A. Ferro, DDS; Guardian Security; Jefferson Bank; The Original Donut Shop; TWC Architectural Mouldings; Totally Yours Texas tours; State Senator Jose Melendez and Dr. Kelly Morales, M.D. We hope you will bring a friend and attend this year's event.

Putting the Polish on Monticello Park

With many visitors expected in our neighborhood during the Holiday Home Tour, please consider decorating the exterior of your homes early to make the community as festive as possible. Consider raking leaves, removing toys, putting away gardening equipment and trash cans and trimming back overgrown shrubs from sidewalks, especially if you are within walking distance of one of the homes on the tour. If you're someone who likes to walk in the neighborhood, please consider bringing along a trash bag in the days before the tour to pick up leftover Halloween Candy wrappers, cans and water bottles and any other trash that might distract from look and feel of our community. Thanks in advance for doing your part to make our community's only fundraiser a success.

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When asked how she got involved in city government, she said, “My uncle Clinton Stanley Banks wrote the present city charter for San Antonio. “At any rate when asked to get involved, she did not hesitate.

What was it like to grow up in Monticello Park, the reporter wondered. “It was wonderful, Cockrell responded with a lilting voice. Our friends were a part of the school community. We associated with parents of children in school with the girls. Carol was the oldest daughter and she became a member of the prestigious, Martha Jefferson Randolph Society at Jefferson High School. When Cathy got to Jefferson, she joined this same group. Cockrell added, “Carol made the way for Cathy until college, when Cathy announced she would choose her own sorority. Cathy said, ‘ I want to decide for myself.’” Cockrell’s mother had been a TriDelta, as well as Cockrell and daughter Carol.” So the family sat back and waited for Cathy to make her decision. After many parties with various sororities, Cathy decided. She also would join TriDelta. And so the tradition continued, with three generations in the same sorority. (Editor’s note: I am also a TriDelta, and on November 15, Mrs. Cockrell was honored as a 75-year member of the women’s fraternity).

The doorbell rang, a daughter entered and announced they had a lunch date to go to La Fonda on Main. Cockrell responded, “It’s only ten minutes after eleven, that seems early.” She gave a quick summation. “I loved the Jefferson neighborhood. We had one of the most respected schools in the city. We had wonderful teachers. It was the premier high school of the San Antonio district. Alamo Heights had a good school as well.

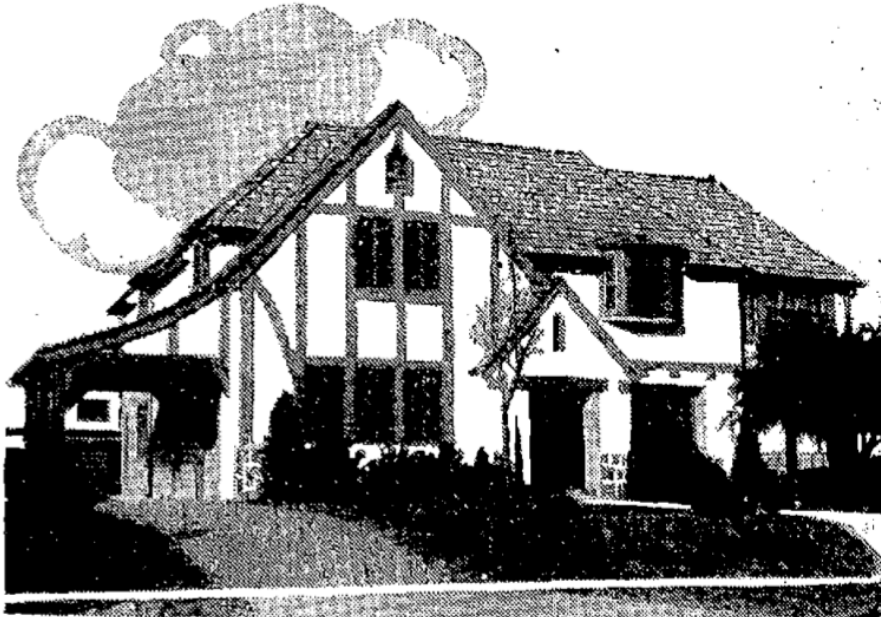
As for friends in the neighborhood, has she kept up with them, she said, “Sadly, I don’t have many friends from the old neighborhood. I am 96 and most of my friends are gone. When asked about where she lives now, she said, “I am in the Alamo Heights area but I live on the side of the street that is in the City of San Antonio. The reporter added, “Well you live on the right side of the street!”



History Corner
By Gary Hudman

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A Look Back at the Historic Homeowner's Fair Resources, Resources, Resources By Cathy Teague

How many times have you used our neighborhood's Facebook page to request a recommendation for a reliable contractor, foundation repair company or a business that could help replace a piece of exterior molding on your home? The Historic Homeowner's Fair is a one-stop shop for such resources!

On Saturday, September 29th, members of the Monticello Park Neighborhood Association, manned a booth at the Fair to promote our upcoming Holiday Home Tour and Christmas Market. The event was held at the beautifully restored Pearl Stables. The Fair provided anyone who attended a chance to learn more about businesses and other resources available in our community to help us maintain our wonderful old homes.

There were demonstrations on how to restore wooden windows. There were arborists, conservation groups, even a vendor who had beautiful, custom wall paper for sale. Architect firms and interior design companies had representatives on hand for folks ready to tackle some of the bigger projects in their homes.

Monticello Park was one of only a handful of historic districts represented at the event. It was our chance to kick off ticket sales for our Holiday Home Tour (December 2) and promote our neighborhood as a great place to call home.

The Historic Homeowner's Fair is sponsored by the city's office of Historic Preservation. It provided attendees an opportunity to ask questions, gather literature and business cards and make connections with others who share our passion for our old homes and want to make sure they last another 100 years.



Swing Dancing in the Deco District

by Jan Peranteau



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Come join in the fun of swing dancing with Ken Cooper at the Alamo Legion Post #2 on Fredericksburg Road every Thursday night at 7 p.m. Cooper has been leading the group for three years, but it has recently moved to its new location at 3518 Fredericksburg Road. When asked what exactly he means by swing dancing, he said, “It’s the music that grew out of the 30s and 40s. It is the Charleston, the Jitterbug. The Lindy Hop, Jazz, and Blues dancing”. He laughed and said, “You can’t swing dance and not smile.”

The grand opening will be November 29 at the Alamo Legion Hall on Fredericksburg Road. He spoke excitedly of restoring the Hall. “We want to bring it back to its original beauty. There are beautiful wood floors and expansive balconies. It was a Speakeasy in the 30s and 40s. Known as the Kit Kat Club, live music, dancing, and booze abounded. With the Swing Revival classes, feet will tap again across the floor, people will laugh and adult beverages will be sold legally. He said, “We are already having classes even though we haven’t had the Opening Night.”

Asked about the benefits of Swing Dancing, he said, “There are many benefits to swing dancing. It improves our minds and overall health and may decrease signs of Alzheimer’s. It is also a lot of fun. We want to include Veterans too.

Cooper described the Thursday night sessions as follows: “Lessons are from 7:00-8:00 pm. Then we have a social from 8:00- 10:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and there are classes at the beginner, intermediate, and skilled levels. We have two professional instructors, Rob and Dianne VanHaaren. We also have volunteer instructors at all the levels.” And he emphasized, “You don’t need a partner to join. The fee is based on membership.” The yearly fee is \$35 for an individual membership. A couple’s membership is \$50. He also said there are discounts for your first time as well as discounts for active military. There are even family memberships available.

What is typical evening like? Cooper said, “On a good night, we may have as many as sixty people, but we average between thirty and forty people on a given night. For the Grand Opening there will be live music—Johnny P and The Wise Guys. Cooper described the music as having a Frank Sinatra quality. “Everyone is welcome—member or not. Come to the Grand Opening, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. and check it out.” He added, “We want to give the Deco District something to rally around and to help the Veterans in the process. And the Alamo Legion Post #2 will be historically restored in the process. Now that is a Win, Win!!

For more information, check it out at www.facebook.com/acswingrevival or on website—www.acswingrevival.org.



Monticello Park Celebrates National Night Out

On Tuesday, October 2nd, our lovely neighborhood pocket park was filled with friends and neighbors celebrating National Night Out. Over 100 neighbors stopped by during the evening to take part in the event and enjoy great food and conversation.

The evening included a bounce house for kids, and based on their smiles and the laughter that drifted over, everyone was having fun! We even had unexpected visitors, a large group of bicyclists stopped at Thomas Jefferson High School to take a break before returning to Lion's Field. With multi-colored lights on several bikes and helmets, and even a little music, it was like having our own private parade.

We also received a visit from Councilwoman Sandoval and her staff, as well as visits from our Code Officers. Residents had an opportunity to speak to the Code Officers one-on-one to ask questions and share concerns.

Thank you to the Jefferson-Woodlawn Lake CDC for their donation of gift cards for the raffle. Congratulations to the lucky winners who won gift cards to Starbucks, Whataburger, and Subway.

We hope to see you at the next National Night Out!



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Monticello Park Holiday Party

Saturday, December 8, 2019, 6:30 pm

Home of Wayne Ehrisman
401 Mary Louise Drive

Please bring a side dish, dessert, or your favorite beverage to share

Come meet your neighbors and celebrate the Holiday Season in our friendly neighborhood

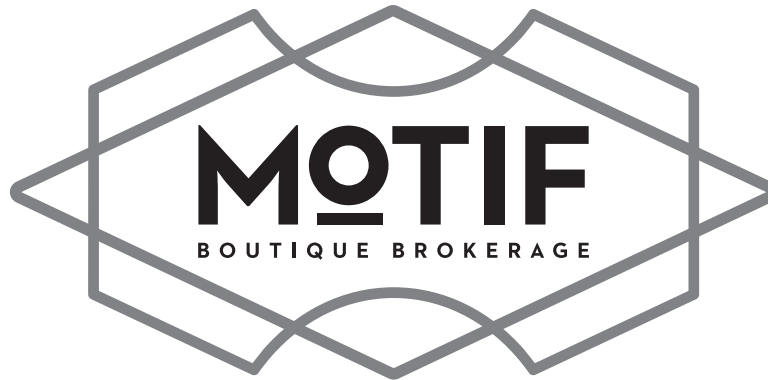
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