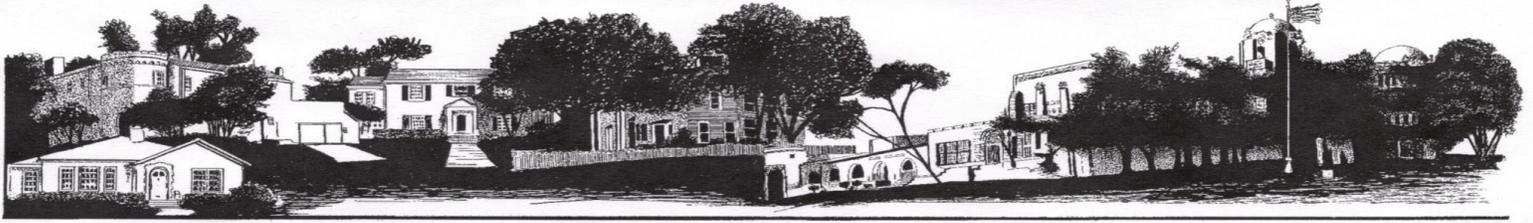


# Monticella Park

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Neighbors, there will be a Zoom General Assembly on Monday, July 25th at 7:00 PM as per the annual schedule. It will be held online because your health and safety continues to be the Board's priority.

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## Meet the Neighbors

by Jan Peranteau

Marti Campbell walked to the door of her stone cottage followed by a gray and black wiry small dog with another dog barking in a distant room. She announced that she is 5th generation Texan, with family arriving right after the Civil War. But there have been many bends in the road since that time so many years ago. Campbell grew up on West Mistletoe in a two-story home with columns reminiscent of the homes in North Carolina where her family came from. She went to Woodlawn Elementary, followed by Horace Mann Middle School, now Young Women's Leadership Academy. She attended Thomas Jefferson High School where she was a Lasso and a Lariat, (the pep group that held up wave signs during the games.) After high school she attended San Antonio College for one semester before enrolling in the University of Texas at Austin. Graduating with degree in Advertising and Marketing, she set her sights on her first job. She got one in Houston in Sales and Marketing. Campbell lived there a few years and her brother called and wanted her to move to Washington, D.C. where he worked. So, in the mid 80's she moved. The recession was in full swing. "I started in publishing, Direct marketing and Health Care. I had to sell books to specialty nurses. I also worked with telemarketers on how to make effective phone calls." I also filled people's boxes with junk mail" A few tips for telemarketers included having a good conversational voice as well as the products that people already wanted to buy.

"I liked Washington. I lived in a two story in Chevy Chase, Maryland", but in 2019 she decided to return to Texas. She said, "It costs a lot to live in D.C. and the political scene was changing. I didn't think I would move back to my original neighborhood. I looked in Monte Vista, but the property taxes were too high and the houses too small for what I could afford." She decided on a house in Monticello Park. "I thought I might buy a house, remodel and flip the house. But the pandemic hit, and she found herself in a new home that needed work and difficulty finding workers. "I remodeled the kitchen and a bathroom, but the house needs another bathroom". She revamped the fireplace and, in the process, made a discovery. "I kept hearing chirping noises. When the noises became very persistent, I called a handyman, and he stuck his hand up the chimney and pulled out three baby racoons. "No mother on site so the racoons had to go to a shelter.

Meeting people during the Pandemic has been difficult. "Restaurants were closed and there were no social gatherings." She said she did meet a few neighbors. "I met Alice Vargas and also discovered homeless people living a couple of houses down. Bianca Maldonado became my best friend and helped me rid the house of squatters." She expressed concern over the number of homeless on Fredericksburg Rd. "We did not have that when I was growing up."

Things seem to be getting back to normal now. "I joined a church. I've been to a few neighborhood social gatherings. I am on the Home Tour Committee. But when I moved here it was a weird time." Looking outside, she noticed a blue convertible. "I've had two convertibles, a TR-7 in Houston. It was a terrible car, but I had so much fun, and I found if you put the top down, you can get a lot in a convertible." As she walked to the door, her parting words were, "You just have to live your life and not be afraid."

# President's Message

Neighbors,

Did you enjoy all of the Fourth of July neighborhood celebrations? The annual Kids' Parade returned to the pocket park and was a great opportunity to meet new neighbors. Much thanks and gratitude to Humbie Cervera and Akouo Church for once again volunteering their time and donating water and paletas. A huge thank you as well to Jimenez Panaderia for donating pastries. Thank you also to Tom Simmons and Mark Skruhak for hosting their Fourth of July potluck. The fireworks over Woodlawn Lake were a perfect finish to the day!

The sweltering heat and high cost of electric bills remains a huge concern and has prompted many questions about window replacement. Keep in mind that energy savings and conservation is about more than just windows. Our original windows may contribute to some energy loss, but the age and size of our AC units, whether or not we have shade, and insulation are also factors that we need to take into consideration. There are ways to repair and rehab your original windows to minimize energy loss. If you decide to invest in repairing or even replacing your windows, you must first submit an application to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) and obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). Depending on the scope of your project, your case may need to go to the Historic Design Review Committee (HDRC). Questions about the HDRC process or have a project going into design phase? In addition to the valuable resources that OHP can provide, MPNA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is also a great neighborhood resource and can provide you with feedback about your design/application.

The heat conditions can be dangerous; please check on your neighbors. If you are experiencing issues with your AC, the city has several cooling centers open throughout the city. You can find a listing of centers at [www.sanantonio.gov](http://www.sanantonio.gov) or contact the District 7 Council Office. Bring pets inside or make sure they have access to shade and plenty of water. The heat and ongoing draught conditions are also wreaking havoc on our lawns, please be mindful that Stage 2 watering restrictions remain in place. Limit your watering to your designated day and between the hours of 7am – 11am and 7pm – 11pm if using a sprinkler or irrigation system. Watering with a hand-held hose is allowed any day of the week.

A general reminder that we tend to see more crimes of opportunity during the summer months. Please do not leave valuables in your car; consider parking in your driveway if possible; and do not leave equipment unattended. Also please remember to lock doors or keep your gates closed. Officer Cano will be providing an update on recent activity that is of concern during our next meeting.

Please join us for our next General Assembly via Zoom on July 25th at 7:00 pm.

Drea Garza  
President, Monticello Park Neighborhood Association

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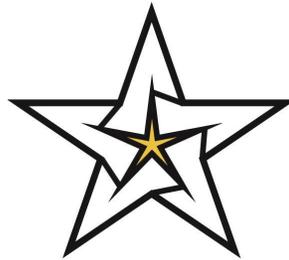
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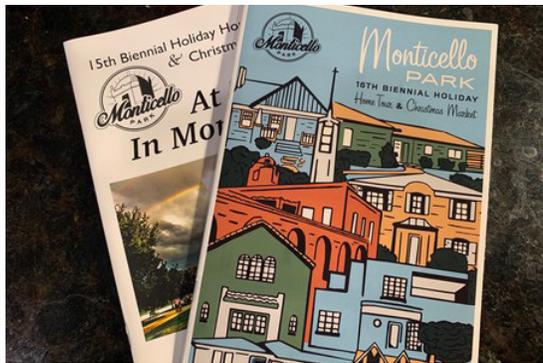


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## Home Tour '22 Needs Your Help! by Gary Hudman



Neighbors, the Monticello Park Holiday Home Tour is our only major neighborhood fundraiser, and it allows us to sponsor college scholarships, provide neighborhood beautification grants, and hold neighborhood social events to help us build an even stronger community.

Please contact Gary Hudman (210-920-5526 or garyhudman@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in any way. We need the support of our neighbors to continue this tradition and allow us to fund projects to beautify the neighborhood.

Please help us! We are looking for eight homeowners to showcase their homes on this year's tour, slated for Sunday December 4, 2022.

Please consider allowing us to feature your home. This is a great way to help us raise the funds needed to support our neighborhood initiatives. It is also a very good incentive to make those last-minute upgrades before the Holiday season. We would love to have your house on the tour.

One of the best ways to build our community is to participate as a builder. Please contact me at 210-920-5526 if you would like more information on how you can help us!

Thanks neighbors!

Message from State Senator José Menéndez:

A warm summer greetings from your friends at the Office of Senator José Menéndez. It is the perfect time to get connected and help out your local community. Here's some tips and links for the residents of Senate District 26 to stay informed, involved, safe and healthy.

### **Give Back**

- The Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive is asking for physical or financial donations to help unserved San Antonio students and families. Donate online or visit our office to drop of supplies such as binders, notebooks and markers.
- Deadline to drop off physical donations at Senator Menéndez's office: August 1st
- Deadline for online donations: August 15th at <https://stuffthebus.cissa.org/event/202stuthbuschsupdri/team/901854-menendez4texasupcoming> .

### **Get Connected**

- Senator Menéndez will be hosting an Elder Abuse Awareness seminar on August 17, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at El Progreso Hall, 1306 Guadalupe St. Continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP at [District26.Menendez@senate.texas.gov](mailto:District26.Menendez@senate.texas.gov) or at 210-733-6604.

### **Stay Safe**

- With COVID cases slowing rising once again we urge community members to stay up to date on vaccinations and booster shots.
- To find a vaccination site near you go to <https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Vaccination>.
- If you begin to feel any symptoms we encourage you to get tested. Check out the closest testing facility near you at <https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Testing>.

### **Get Involved**

- November 8th is right around the corner! Make sure your registered to vote at <https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/>. & learn who represents you at <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>.

- The Office of Senator Menéndez is open, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.-

Because of ongoing concerns with COVID-19, our staff is working both in the office and remotely. We remain committed to responding to your questions and concerns. Please call or email us if we may be of assistance and if you would like to share your input on state policy issues. Thank you for your support and we hope you all have a wonderful summer season!



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# Zoom into the General Assembly Without Leaving Home

General Assembly Meeting is on for Monday, July 25th, 2022 at 7:00 PM  
Safe Distancing Means Time to Zoom Again

Our Monday, March 28th meeting will be held again using the Zoom platform. Anyone with a smart phone, a computer, laptop, tablet, or a hardline phone will be able to access the meeting by following the instructions below.

1. Open your Internet browser and go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us).
2. Look in the upper right corner for "Join a Meeting" and click on it.
3. A screen will ask for your **Meeting ID (862 2874 9445)** and then a **Passcode (676293)**.
4. If you would like, join with both audio and video.
5. Please enter your name when prompted so we know who is attending.
6. If you want to use a cell phone or landline (wired home phone) you may do so by using the phone number 1(346) 248-7799. Please follow the prompts and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when asked to do so.

Even though the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, please join the meeting a few minutes early. If you have questions regarding Zoom, please reach out to a Board member for assistance.



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# HISTORY CORNER

by Gary Hudman

## Frontier Drive-in

When I moved to Monticello Park, I would often hear longtime residents rave about the great hamburgers and onion rings from Frontier Drive-In.

This restaurant was on the corner of Fredericksburg and Club, at the current pawn shop site. During the chain's heyday, from the 1950s through the 1980s, there were multiple Frontier Drive-Ins throughout San Antonio. At first, carhops took orders from customers and delivered to their cars. Later, Frontier introduced a speaker ordering system, which they claimed was the first in Texas.



*Frontier Drive-In at Fredericksburg and Club. Photo credit: UTSA Special Collections*

The burgers were charcoal grilled, and the onion rings were cut super thin and fried to a satisfying crunch. I understand the fried pies and hand-spun shakes were also excellent.

Frontier Drive-Ins was owned by Hasslocher family, owner of Jim's Restaurant (originally Coffee Shop), Magic Time Machine, and La Fonda Alamo Heights. Despite the high quality of the burgers, competition from national burger chains eventually caused Frontier to close during the 1980s. However, Jim Hasslocher had a dream to bring it back as Frontier Burger. He worked hard planning every detail, but passed away just five months before the reincarnation of his favorite burger.

The new restaurant opened in 2016, on 410 just east of Broadway. They serve the char-grilled burgers with the special sauce and those crispy onion rings, just like the old days. I have eaten there several times since they opened, and I now know what all our neighbors were raving about.

I only wish they would reopen the location on Fredericksburg. I have a feeling we have a strong customer base in Monticello Park ready to keep them busy!



# 4TH OF JULY PARADE 2022



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# WHO IS PERRO BELLO DE MONTICELLO 2022?

## WHO IS GATO BELLO DE MONTICELLO 2022?

Who is Perro Bello de Monticello 2022?

Baby Back Up served as Perro Bello de Monticello for 2021, but now it is time to choose Perro Bello de Monticello for 2022! National Dog Day, recognized annually on August 26th, is a day to celebrate all things canine. Get ready to post photos of your pooches on the MPNA Face Book page starting on August 19th. The dog or family of dogs with the most likes will be selected as Perro Bello. You may submit as many photos as you like, but only the likes on the first photo will be counted. The dog that wins will get a toy selected from Deco B and will have an article written about them in the MPNA Newsletter.

As a neighborhood celebrity, Perro Bello has the opportunity to use their fame and paparazzi attention to turn the spotlight on to a neighborhood issue that is important to them. They are invited to share photos and words of wisdom for their neighboring dogs and humans in future issues of the Newsletter for the remainder of the year.

Who will be Gato Bello de Monticello 2022?

Not to be outdone by the canines, National Cat Day is October 29th every year. Kittiana is currently serving as Gato Bello de Monticello 2021. Starting October 22, Bookhaven will once again be filled with books about cats and kittens. That same day, there will be a place on the FB page for neighbors to post photos of their cats. Individual cats, families of cats, foster cats, and even stray cats that call this area home are eligible to enter the competition. The cat or family of cats with the most likes (any positive reaction) will receive a toy selected from Deco B, and an article in the newsletter. Like Kittiana, they will serve as a neighborhood mascot for the remainder of the year until a new Gato Bello is selected. If they want, they will be able to use their fame as a platform to highlight a neighborhood issue that is important to them. But, no plans for a cat parade! So, start taking those cute photos of your feline friends and get them ready to post on October 22!



Perro Bello de Monticello 2022?



Gato Bello de Monticello 2022?