



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Monday, 9/25/23, 7 PM
Grace Presbyterian Church
950 Donaldson

Speaker: D7 Updates

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*Well done is better
than well said.*

Benjamin Franklin

Paula Earl-Orozco's Second Career is Yoga Instructor



MEET THE NEIGHBORS
by Jan Peranteau

Paula Earl-Orozco is one active person with interests that include swimming, hiking, biking, roller-skating, and teaching yoga. But how did it all start? She sat down with a freshly made cappuccino and began her story. "Around 2010, I was still teaching, but thinking about retirement. I decided I needed a second career after I retired." Her job as an academic reading support teacher in the Northside School District had been rewarding but she wanted more. She and another neighbor, Robin Gara, went to Gold's Gym and took Zumba class once a week. But that class folded and Gold's offered yoga, so Robin and Paula went to yoga once a week instead. They both liked it. Later Brandyn Thomas invited them to the United Methodist

Church for yoga with Joe Rivera. Again, they both enjoyed the classes and got to know Rivera. The founder, Rivera, wanted the yoga to be accessible to all with minimal fees. At some point Paula decided to attend yoga certification classes. "I enrolled in the Mel Marie Adaptive Yoga Teacher Training Program, a 9-month, 200-hour certification program." So, when she retired in 2017, she was ready to teach in a new field. Rivera invited Paula to join him in teaching. The church had changed ownership and renamed to Jefferson Community Church. The new yoga group was called WeRYoga.

But why did this form of exercise appeal to Orozco? Why not Tai Chi or Martial Arts? Did she try another form of Eastern exercise? "No, I really didn't. Yoga has it all. It has meditation, mindful movement, breath work and restorative rest at the end of each session. I love the fact it brings the community together. It is easily accessible. You don't have to go to a gym. It is just up the street."

Family and home are all part of the picture. Sergio and Paula, married for 35 years, have lived in a small brick home on Donaldson for 29 years. She remembers because, their son, Diego, came home from the hospital as an infant to this house. They had just moved in. Another child, Isabel, was born a few years later. With both children grown and away from home, does Sergio make yoga part of his weekly routine? The answer is yes. "It's a part of our routine and life. Rarely do we reschedule it." What about the children,



Yoga teachers Paula Earl-Orozco and Joe Rivera at WeRYoga Retreat in the Texas Hill Country

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Please Consider Joining the 2024 Board of Directors

Neighbors,

Join us for another informative



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by Drea Garza

General Assembly meeting on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 7 PM, Grace Presbyterian Church, 950 Donaldson. We will have updates from our SAFFE Officer and

District 7 representatives.

On behalf of MPNA, I would like to recognize and thank Councilwoman Alderete Gavito, D7 Chief of Staff Erick DeLuna, and Frank Ramirez, Director of Zoning and Land Use, for their advocacy and support in bringing new stop signs and creating four-way stops at five of our busiest and most dangerous intersections. Thank you for listening to our concerns and working with Public Works to make our streets a little safer. Now that we have these stop signs, please don't forget the rules of the road. Don't just roll through at a reduced speed—make a full stop (about 3 seconds) before the crosswalk.

Is everyone ready to gather at the pocket park at 6 PM on Tuesday, October 2nd for Neighbors Together, formerly known as National Night Out? Help us celebrate this great neighborhood tradition by bringing a side dish to share; we will bring drinks (sorry, no alcohol allowed in the park) and provide the main dish. As in years past, MPNA will be setting up a bounce house for the kids and will be giving away door prizes. If you have a little extra time, please

arrive at 5:30 PM to help set up the tables and chairs!

I hope everyone enjoyed the brief rain showers, which sadly, were nowhere near enough to address this year's drought or help our heritage trees. I lost one nearly 100-year-old pecan tree earlier this summer, and the arborist is keeping a very close eye on another pecan. I've learned that the heat and lack of rain has shrunk the root system and was told to start watering about four feet from the trunk and to move outward toward the new reduced canopy line, which is less dense than in prior years. I worry it may be too little too late, but will continue to walk the fine line between watering the trees sufficiently to allow them to thrive, and doing my part to conserve water. Remember, you can only use your sprinklers on your designated days and times, but can hand water any other time during the week.

MPNA is a volunteer-driven neighborhood association and we need your help in establishing the 2024 Board of Directors. Our MPNA Nominations Committee will be forming later this month to identify neighbors interested in serving on the MPNA Board as an officer or board member. Please consider serving if asked to volunteer for a board position.

Thank you for helping keep Monticello Park a great neighborhood. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming General Assembly meeting.

MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MPNA serves the interests of nearly 650 households in the Monticello Park Neighborhood and is recognized by the City of San Antonio.

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation devoted to promoting, preserving, and enhancing the values and quality of life within our neighborhood. MPNA was founded in 1983 and this year we celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

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MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published six times per year (January, March, May, July, September, & November) and delivered to households in the Monticello Park Neighborhood free of charge.

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Water Once a Week on Your Designated Day.

San Antonio remains in Stage 2 Water Restrictions because SAWS purchased additional sources of water.



Watering day determined by last digit of address



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now adults—"It is too slow for Isabel. She loves dance and Diego likes skateboarding. "

Orozco described the benefits of yoga. It improves healthy aging. It improves balance. It improves brain health. It improves range of motion. It stabilizes bone density and provides stress relief and improved mood and overall mental health. "I like yoga because I can do it into my old age. I won't age out of it."

Changes have occurred since the program's beginning. "We started with one certified teacher. We now have five. We offer three types of yoga—Chair yoga, Restorative yoga, and Adaptive Flow."

There are also three methods of delivery. "You can come in person, on

zoom or use a recording, through email. And we have community-building events such as retreats, parties, and special events such as Gong Meditative Sessions and Singing Bowls. It really is just adding one more layer to our already enriched neighborhood. We have restaurants, bars, the Woodlawn Lake area and pool with summer classes, The Berta Almaguer Community Center offering a variety of classes—dance lessons, sewing and guitar socials. Bihl Haus offers many classes and features guest artists and performers. In fact, there are many activities to stave off loneliness and avoid isolation in the neighborhood." Paula's advice is just to get out the door and get going. For more info about WeRYoga go to Jefferson Community Church website and find schedules for the various yoga activities.

**MONTICELLO PARK
HELPFUL CONTACTS**

- District 7 City Council Office(210)207-7044
- SAFFE Officer Vincent Cano Office (210)207-0803
- Cell (210)394-1398
- SAPD, Non-emergency..... (210)207-7273
- SAPD, West Substation(210)207-7420
- SAISD Police Dispatch (Truancy)—24 hrs (210)354-9000
- San Antonio Water System (210)424-7097
- CPS Energy (210)353-2222
- VIA Transit (210)362-2020
- Office of Historic Preservation(210)215-9274
- Historic Building Enforcement Officer (210)219-2093
- San Antonio Customer Service..... 311
(Animal Control, Code Compliance, etc...)
- Saturday Code Enforcement Hotline(210)207-2633

**WHICH EMERGENCY
NUMBER DO I CALL?**

911 For crimes in process and life-threatening emergencies. Dispatched 24/7 based on level of priority and cases in the queue.

SAPD non-emergency (210)207-7273 An officer will be dispatched based on a level of priority for calls at the time your call is received. If it is a busy time, you may wait awhile for an officer.

SAFFE Officer Vincent Cano (210)394-1398 Officer Cano should not be the primary contact during an active situation. Rather, he should be contacted as a follow up to a situation involving SAPD which has already occurred and SAPD has responded, or for questions in general. His hours are typically noon–8 PM, M-F. If he is out, you may contact the West Substation, (210)207-7420, and speak with a SAFFE Sergeant, if there is one on duty.

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

SEPTEMBER

- 11 MPNA Board Meeting
- 20 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 25 MPNA General Assembly
- 29 SA Conservation Society Grant Deadline

OCTOBER

- 3 SA Neighbors Together (was National Night Out)
- 4 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 9 MPNA Board Meeting
- 18 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 7 Texas and National Elections
- 13 MPNA Board Meeting
- 15 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 24 Holiday River Parade
- 27 MPNA General Assembly & Elections

DECEMBER

- 3 MPNA Home Tour
- 6 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 9/10 Gran Tamalada, Market Square
- 11 MPNA Board Meeting
- 16 MPNA Holiday Party
- 20 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting

JANUARY

- 3 MPNA Home Tour
- 6 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 8 MPNA Board Meeting
- 17 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 29 MPNA General Assembly

FEBRUARY

- 7 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 12 MPNA Board Meeting

Miracle Doors Common in Monticello Park

These uniquely-styled doors were extremely popular in the early 20th Century

How many times have you attended a neighborhood real estate open house



HISTORIC HELP
by Gary Hudman

and seen an original interior feature which caught your eye? A few years ago, I noticed that a very particular style of doors was in about half of the houses I visited. These doors had a

unique design in the rails and stiles, which form the “frame” around the center panel. Some of these were painted white with a dark wood center panel while others were stained wood throughout.

While doing research for my own restoration, I found that these doors were Miracle Doors, and they were available from coast to coast starting in the early 1920s.

The Paine Lumber Company, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, invented the Miracle Door and patented the design on July 10, 1923. The company boasted that these were the “world’s most beautiful door.”

Paine Lumber was an extremely large door manufacturer, with dealers across the country, and these doors were soon being specified in many new homes, both simple bungalows and large mansions. Their catalog stated that “the Miracle Door has been endorsed and specified by architects and enthusiastically received by the entire building industry.” That type of boastful language was commonly used during the

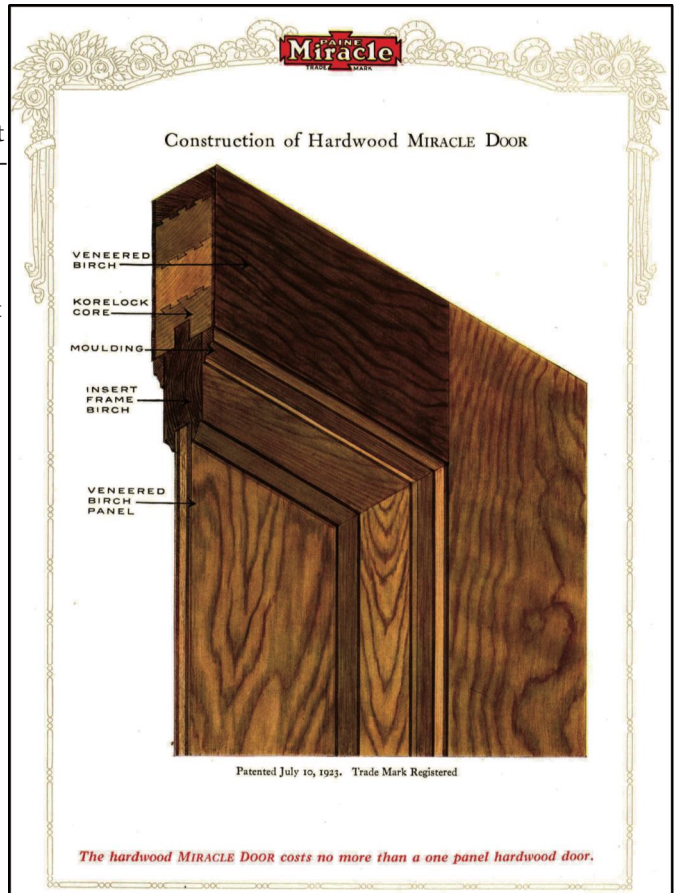
1920s, yet based on houses I’ve visited appears to be true.

These doors are much more ornate than the more common one- or two-panel doors. Paine called these “a framed picture in wood” and claimed they were the “greatest improvement in doors ever made.”

I have a digital copy of one of their catalogs which shows the company manufactured these doors in a huge number of wood combinations and sizes, making them appropriate for many styles of homes.

If you are restoring your home and need additional Miracle Doors, there are several salvage companies in San Antonio and Gonzales which may have the doors to match your specific wood species and size. If that does not work, I have discovered two sources for new Miracle Doors. See sources below for these companies.

I hope you have enjoyed learning a bit about Miracle Doors, and if your house features these beautiful designs, congratulations!



A page from a Miracle Doors catalog, showing the details of how these doors were constructed.

SOURCES FOR MIRACLE DOORS

SALVAGED DOORS

Architectural Antiques Salvage San Antonio, Texas
403 Dawson Street

Discovery Architectural Antiques Gonzales, Texas
409 Saint Francis Street

Old is Better Than New San Antonio, Texas
1504 Fredericksburg Road

Pickers Paradise San Antonio, Texas
702 Guadalupe Street

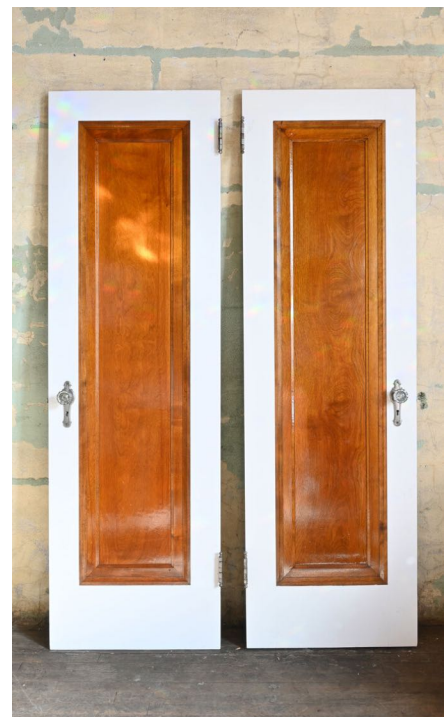
NEW REPRODUCTION DOORS

Woodport Doors

<https://woodportdoors.com/product/1-panel-traditional-miracle-door/>

Upstate Door

<https://www.upstatedoor.com/index.cfm?Page=Miracle-Doors>



Miracle Doors with a combination of stained panels plus painted rails and stiles

Historic District Gentle Reminders

Remember if you live in the Monticello Park Historic District, you need a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the city's Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) before any exterior works begins on your home. For many changes, you may also need a San Antonio building permit.

Applying for a COA is relatively easy. Just log in to the city's website and fill out the online application. www.sanantonio.gov/historic/HDRC/ApplicationsPortal

For answers to your questions, reach out to the caseworkers assigned to Monticello Park: Rachel Rettaliata,

(210)207-0145 or Claudia Espinosa, (210)207-1466.

For the application, you will need photos of all sides of your house, in addition to documents showing what you are proposing. This documentation may include a scope of work, an annotated site plan with setbacks, architectural drawings, and materials specifications.

Many applications may be approved administratively by OHP staff. Others may be referred to the Historic Design Review Commission (HDRC), which will review your case at a public meeting and consider approval.

COA REQUIRED FOR ALL EXTERIOR WORK

- Exterior repairs or alterations such as a change in materials, wood replacement, or painting
- Changes to doors, windows, and siding.
- Additions & new construction
- Site improvements such as landscaping, hardscaping, driveways, & sidewalks

O'Connors Love Period Light Fixtures

This issue's Historic Heroes are Ressie and Charlie O'Connors for their



HISTORIC HEROES
by Gary Hudman

devotion to period lighting. Ressie and Charlie bought their historic Tudor in 2010 and found that none of the light fixtures inside were original to the house or even of the right era or

style. They have deliberately replaced all of those fixtures with antique lighting and continue to upgrade those fixtures at every opportunity. Their work on light fixtures should be an inspiration for us all.

When they moved in, all of the fixtures were cheap "big box" fixtures and were not appropriate for the style of the house. Ressie stated that "Light fixtures are like jewelry for a house," so

they were determined to replace the cheap fixture with antiques. "We brought several antique light fixtures with us from Tallahassee that we felt would work with the house, including three sets of sconces and two slip-shade ceiling fixtures."

Charlie shared that "People are under the impression that antique light fixtures are too expensive and that's not really the case." He often buys lighting at estate sales, junk shops, and flea markets, then spends a few dollars and several hours restoring them to their former glory. This has become his hobby after retirement and allows him to save hundreds of dollars over buying similar fixtures already restored. Charlie typically takes the fixture apart, cleans and refinishes the pieces, then rebuilds with new wiring and electrical components.

He has become so skilled that he now sells his restored lights on Facebook Marketplace and to neighbors who know him for these fine fixtures.

Twelve years ago, Ressie bought a ceiling fixture at a shop in Beacon Hill which only had two of its three glass shades, and soon she had friends all over the US scouring antique stores for that third shade. She and Charlie also regularly looked on eBay, Etsy, Facebook, and at shows in Round Top and Warrenton, but never found that elusive third shade.

Just a few months ago, Charlie

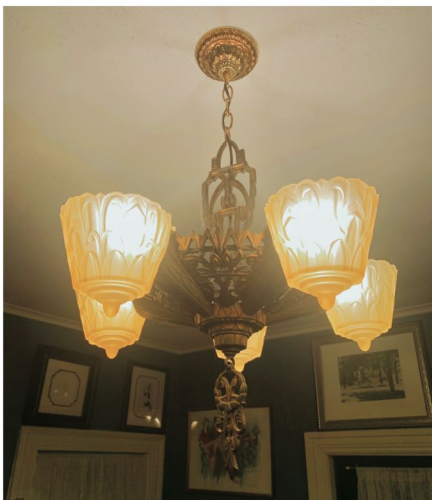


Charlie and Ressie O'Connors are very proud of their house full of antique lamps and light fixtures.

connected with a dealer on Facebook who claimed to have the missing glass shade and it turned out to be a perfect match. Charlie bought the shade and now their fixture is complete, after hanging in their house for over a decade without shades. Their determination and persistence paid off and now they have yet another period-correct fixture hanging in their historic Tudor.

Charlie's advice is that it is "just as easy to restore an old fixture as it is to buy an inferior new fixture." If you need some fixtures, you may be in luck. Later this fall, Charlie is organizing a sale for artists and craftsmen on North Drive, where he plans to sell many of the items he has been restoring.

If you are looking for antique light fixture inspiration, look no further than the O'Connors house on North Drive. They have done an admirable job outfitting their home with period fixtures throughout. Great job, Ressie and Charlie!



Beautiful slip-shade fixture hanging in the O'Connors Tudor house.

Intersections Gain Four-Way Stop Signs

Neighbors along affected streets see major improvements to their concerns

Stop, and look in all directions. In the past month, five intersections within



NEIGHBORHOOD
by Bianca
Maldonado

MPNA were converted from 2-way stops to 4-way (all way) stops. These intersections were identified more than seven years ago as intersections with multiple documented

accidents, areas of driver bad behavior, and documented visibility concerns in the right of way.

Thank you to Councilwoman Gavito and her office for working with MPNA to bring funding and implement our requests for intersections safety improvements at Club Dr/Vollum, Mary Louise/Vollum, Furr/Vollum, Mary Louise/Lake, and Furr/Lake. Many neighbors have commented how the stop signs have slowed the traffic in the community, staggered traffic to allow safer turns through busy intersections, allowed

residents to back out of their driveways safely, reduced noise, and slowed cars as they navigate the neighborhood.

While a 4-way stop sign does not cure all problems, it has brought relief to many and we continue to work with the Council Office on more solutions in MPNA. If you have additional concerns or an area of need, please reach out to MPNA or attend the upcoming General Assembly Meeting.

“Please drive how you would like others to drive through our neighborhood.”

TJHS will be conducting a traffic study in the coming year to address pick-up and drop off areas and the circulation of traffic around the school. In the meantime, please drive how you would like others to drive through our neighborhood. Each and every resident of MPNA is model for those who drive into and out of our community.

NEIGHBORS' REACTIONS

“Thank goodness. Our kids deserve as many stop signs as we can manage.”

“I wish we had stop signs at every four-way intersection throughout the neighborhood and the speed limit reduced.”

“No irony that supporters live on Mary Louise where we have seen our quiet street turned into a drag strip. More than once, a speeding car lost control and landed in a yard.”

“I think it has helped. Club traffic has slowed down.”

“I’m grateful to our neighborhood association and our Councilwoman Alderete-Gavito for prioritizing our safety. Some of us who live down these corridors have been asking for this for over 10 years.”

Rules and Etiquette for Four-Way Stop Signs

Help keep our neighborhood safe for pedestrians, kids, and other drivers

With all of the new four-way stop intersections recently installed in the neighborhood, now is a good time to remind all of us about the rules for stopping and navigating these crossings.

When you're at a four-way stop sign, there are some easy ways to make things go smoothly and safely. Here's what you need to remember:

1. First to Stop, First to Go: The first car to reach the stop sign gets to go first. It's like taking turns – polite and fair. If two cars arrive at the same time, the one on the right gets to go ahead. If facing each other, signal to the other driver to proceed.

2. Stop Completely: Don't just slow down – come to a full stop. It's safer for everyone. Stop before the white line or before entering the intersection.

3. Watch for Pedestrians: If someone's trying to cross the street, stop and let them. They have the right of way. It's all about being considerate.

4. Signal Your Intentions: Let other drivers know where you're going.



If you're turning, use your blinker. It's like saying, "Hey, I'm going left" or "I'm going right."

5. Make Eye Contact: Look at the other drivers. It helps you know who's

going next. It's like saying, "You go, then I'll go."

6. Be Patient: Don't rush. Take your time and wait for your turn. It's better to wait a bit than to cause an accident.

7. Check All Directions: Look at all the cars at the intersection, not just the ones in front of you. Some might be hidden by bigger cars.

8. Stay Calm: Don't honk your horn unless it's really necessary. Honking can make things tense.

9. No Distractions: Put away your phone or anything else that might take your focus off the road. Safety comes first.

10. Be Friendly: A wave or a nod can go a long way. If you're letting someone go ahead, a small gesture can show you're being polite.

Remember, it's like sharing a game—each person takes a turn. If everyone follows these simple rules, driving through four-way stop signs can be easy and safe.

Maria Guerrero Makes Beautiful Jewelry

When Maria Guerrero moved to Monticello Park in 2006 with her



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT
by Barbara Simpson

husband, David, it was to be closer to downtown and fellow artists. She was still teaching bi-lingual education in another part of San Antonio. In 2008, though, she retired and began to look around for something to do in retirement. David had taught art during his teaching career, and at his encouragement she began to learn to string glass beads to make jewelry. After more classes in jewelry making, she began to do jewelry with twisted wire making pendants, pins, and earrings. Now she and David share a studio in their made-over garage.

Maria has always used her creativity to produce beauty in her home. Whether it's finding a recipe to make something new for her family, or sewing clothing for herself, or baking something tasty, Maria loves to be creating things with her hands. Over the years she has also collected all kinds of things—Mexican pottery, Beatles memorabilia, beautiful buttons, game boards (some of which she's framed).

Her and David's artistic talents and enthusiasm have been inherited by their daughter and her children, whose work is displayed in their home.

Before Maria was making jewelry, however, she had a very satisfying career teaching bilingual education in elementary school and ESL in middle school. Helping children learn English came naturally to her, since her first language growing up in Del Rio was Spanish. She entered kindergarten with no understanding of English, and was in a class of English speakers with an English speaking teacher. She didn't realize that she was understanding or speaking any English until the end of that year. As her teacher handed her a certificate for finishing kindergarten, Maria said, "Thank you," her first English words in class that year.

I asked Maria what she likes about Monticello Park. With no hesitation she answered, "Our neighbors." She and David have grown close to their neighbors over the years as they have all helped each other through tough times and rejoiced in each others' successes. Other things she likes here are being close to downtown, where there are galleries for artists like her to show and sell their work, and walking through Monticello Park enjoying our beautiful old trees. "It really is like walking in a park." Add to that our many homes of different architectural styles, and she

says it's a pleasure to see and enjoy. In fact it was the charm of the architecture of their home, the first one for sale they were showed, that sold them on moving here.

If you want to see Maria's work, you can visit Gallery Art Group in La Villita, a co-op for local artists. The first weekend in November, she will be displaying and selling her jewelry at the Uptown Stroll on Laurel St. And I hope you will be able to meet her and have a lovely conversation with a gracious lady while enjoying her work!



Maria Guerrero in her studio, happily explaining one of her unique pieces of art.



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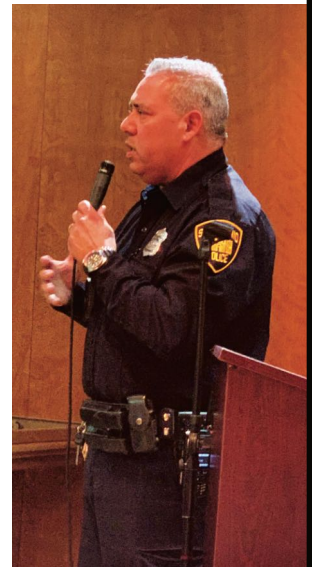
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950 Donaldson

Grace Presbyterian Church Community Room

Crime Report from Officer Cano
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Please Join Us and Help Build a Stronger Neighborhood.



This Creamy Chicken Recipe is Sure to Please

Pasta, cream cheese, chicken, and asparagus. What's not to love?

This dish is my take on an entree from one of my favorite restaurants in



**MASTER RO'S
RECIPES &
REVIEWS**
by Ro Inslar

New Jersey. It's simple but at the same time a little complicated because it requires cooking parts of it separately, then mixing it all together at the end. It's really yummy, satisfying and well worth the effort.

CHEF'S TIP

- The key to this dish is whipped cream cheese. Regular cream cheese won't work, and you need to keep the sauce thick enough to coat the pasta and chicken but at the same time "saucy." Keep working it until you get the right mix and consistency. Keep tasting and add what you need as you go.

MAKE IT A PARTY!

- Invite your family (or friends) to help you with this dish and have fun!
- Because there is a lot of prep work and many parts to this recipe, you can make cooking this dish a fun family activity by getting your spouse and kids involved – or invite some friends over for a fun "cook and catch-up" event.
- Have your helpers measure out the spices, milk, oil, parmesan and cream cheese, and others to cut the chicken and asparagus into bite size pieces, etc.
- I did this when my son came to visit this summer and we had a great time prepping, cooking and catching up, and we enjoyed the finished product all the more for it because we did it together!

JAMAICAN JERK CHICKEN PASTA WITH ASPARAGUS

Makes 4 servings.

INGREDIENTS

- Penne or Bowtie Pasta, 12 oz.
- Asparagus, 20-24 spears (frozen pkg.)
- Chicken breasts or tenders, 14 oz.
- Baby Bella mushrooms, sliced (optional)
- Butter, 3 Tbsps.
- Olive oil, 3 Tbsps.
- Garlic, 3-4 cloves crushed
- Garlic powder, 1/2 tsp.
- Fat free or 1% milk, 3/4 to 1 cup
- Whipped cream cheese, 4-8 Tbsps.
- Jamaican jerk seasoning, 4 Tbsps.
- Grated parmesan cheese, 1/2 cup.
- Salt and Pepper

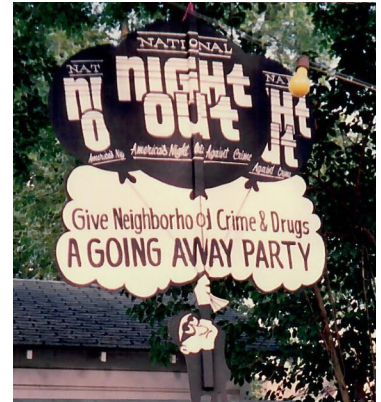


DIRECTIONS

- 1) Pasta:** Cook the pasta following the "al dente" directions on the package. When done, drain and put it aside. Reserve the pot for later use.
- 2) Asparagus:** While the water is boiling, steam the asparagus for half the time indicated on package. Lightly grease a shallow baking pan with a little olive oil, add the asparagus spears, sprinkle with a little bit of salt, pepper, and garlic powder. Bake in a pre-heated, 400 degree oven for approximately 5 mins; remove the tray from the oven; carefully cut the asparagus into one inch pieces and set it aside.
- 3) Chicken:** While the asparagus and the pasta are cooking; Cut the chicken into bite size pieces and set aside. In a small bowl mix the jerk seasoning with the rest of the garlic, salt and pepper. Take a paper plate or dinner plate, spread the spices onto it then dredge the chicken with the spices until well coated. Add more of each if needed. Heat the oil on medium in a deep, large skillet, add the garlic and sauté lightly for about 1 min. being careful not to burn it. Then raise the heat to medium high, add the chicken pieces and stir fry the chicken for about 4-5 mins. Add the mushrooms (optional) and stir together. Lower the heat to medium low just as the chicken starts to turn a light shade of tan. Add the butter to the skillet and stir it into the chicken until melted, scraping the bits of spices and chicken from the pan as you go. Add the milk and the whipped cream cheese to the pan, mixing it into the chicken until well blended. Continue to cook for another 3-4 mins. or until the "cream sauce" starts to bubble, stirring frequently to keep it smooth. If it starts to thicken or turns lumpy, gradually add a little more milk, stirring often. If it gets too thin, add a little more whipped cream cheese, keep stirring until the sauce is smooth and velvety. Turn off the heat, then take the pan off the heat and set aside.
- 4) Mix the 3 Parts together:** Place the pot that you boiled the pasta in on the stove, transfer the chicken and sauce to it, scraping out all the bits and pieces and sauce from the pan. Turn the burner to medium low. Add the pasta, folding into the chicken and sauce until the pasta is well coated, then add the asparagus pieces to the pot, continuing to mix and combine everything together. Cook for another 3-4 minutes, stirring frequently and making sure the sauce stays smooth. Add a little more milk and cream cheese, as needed, then add the parmesan cheese, mixing it into the chicken and cream sauce. Check the flavor and consistency and add salt and pepper to taste, or more spices to your desire. Turn off the heat and remove the pot from the heat source and serve immediately, adding a little extra parmesan cheese to each bowl. Serve with crusty Italian bread or garlic bread.

MPNA National Night Out in the 1990s

Monticello Park won multiple awards for best National Night Out event in District 7



Turn on your porch lights. Lock your doors and spend the evening outdoors with your neighbors to support this national crime prevention program.

This was the call to action in Monticello Park in 1996, the 13th year of celebrating National Night Out. And evidently our neighborhood did this in spectacular fashion!

During the decade of the 1990s, MPNA was recognized numerous times by the City of San Antonio for having the most outstanding National Night Out program in District 7.

The leaders of this hard work were Adela and Frank Jimenez, residents of North Drive. Please enjoy these pictures from that era and see how our neighbors came together and “took a bite out of crime.”



Join us for Neighbors Together Party

Gathering together to socialize helps build a better neighborhood for all

San Antonio Neighbors Together, formerly known as National Night Out, is an annual event held the first Tuesday of October. This event promotes partnerships between the police department and neighborhoods, and helps create safer neighborhoods by sharing crime prevention tips and growing our social bonds.



SOCIAL
by Ressie O'Connors

In addition to the police department making appearances at San Antonio Neighbors Together, other city departments such as Zoning, Code Enforcement, the Fire Department, and city elected officials will also attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to your city and district officials.

MPNA will celebrate San Antonio Neighbors Together on Tuesday,

October 3rd at the Pocket Park, located at the corner of Kampmann and Club, from 6pm to 8pm. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided and we ask everyone to

bring a covered dish or dessert to share. It's a family affair, so we will have an Air Castle for the kids. Hope to see you there!



Join your neighbors and help create a safer neighborhood at the Neighbors Together Party

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239 Mary Louise One of the Earliest Homes

San Antonio Light dubbed it "One of the most beautiful dwellings in San Antonio"

The beautiful brick two story home at 239 Mary Louise Drive is among the



HISTORY CORNER
by Gary Hudman

earliest houses built in North Woodlawn Terrace. Please recall that the area bounded by Quentin, Shearer, Donaldson, and Fredericksburg was platted as North Woodlawn Terrace in 1925.

This house was built by the Tropik Building Company, with offices at 203 Mary Louise, and was featured in a large advertisement in the *San Antonio Light* on October 17, 1926. The ad called out that the home was "all brick" and was a "fire-safe, everlasting house."

The house soon sold to G.A. Wiegand, and on March 15, 1927, was featured in an advertisement for the entire Woodlawn District. Developers worked together for this ad campaign, which called this quadrant of the city "The Arc of Opportunity." The district was formed by multiple subdivisions, built out of what had been dairy farms just a few short years prior.

I think that all would agree that this house on Mary Louise is still one of the most beautiful in the city.



Values in Woodlawn District have been stabilized and are steadily increasing by reason of the high character of home construction.

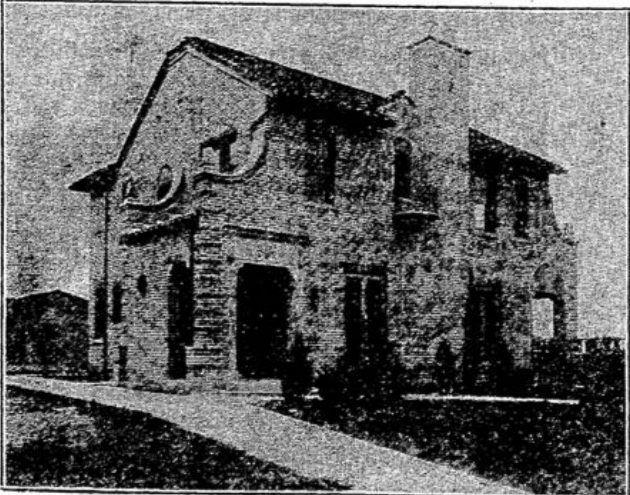
Above is the handsome home of G.A. Wiegand, at 239 Mary Louise drive, in Woodlawn District.



This information is presented by residents and developers of Woodlawn District

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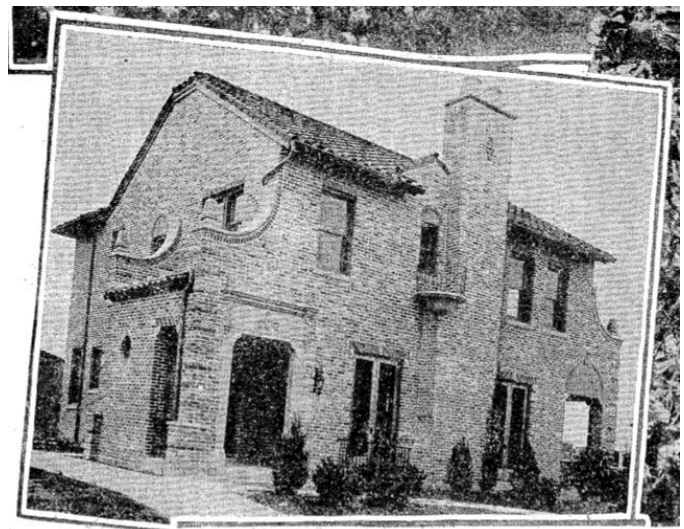
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The San Antonio Light called G.A. Wiegand's home one of "the most beautiful dwellings in San Antonio" on October 24, 1926.

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Athena Named Perro Bello de Monticello 2023

Hear all about the Rangel Family's pooch in her own words

International Dog Day was August 26th, and Katrina Cook's Bookhaven, the Little Free Library on North Drive, sponsored a contest to choose a dog to represent Monticello Park for the next year. Athena, the friendly pooch who lives with the Rangel Family on Club Drive, was named Perro Bello de Monticello 2023. Here is her story in her own words.

Athena: My Story

In November 2015, Santa heard that five kids living in Monticello Park were campaigning for a dog. Their parents, Lorene & Nick Rangel, searched San Antonio for a rescue beagle or lab. On December 11th, Santa dropped me off in their backyard. The Rangels think that I got into their backyard through a divot under their fence. But, c'mon, no regular-sized dog would fit through that hole!

Around lunchtime, Nick came by the house. When he walked out of the garage, he was surprised to see me on the deck staring back at him. I didn't have a collar which really confused him. He walked me around the perimeter. When we got to the alley, I ran—not because I didn't like him, but because...well, squirrel.

Later that day, I came back to the house and stared at the kids through the open shutters. I finally got their attention. The kids ran out to see me. The Rangels posted some information about me on the neighborhood social media pages. What a waste of time!

No one claimed me (of course not!), so they took me to a 24-hour vet. What an experience! They checked for a chip. I could have told them there's no chips in the North Pole. The Rangels decided to keep me, so they had the doctor give me some shots. Boy, that wasn't fun.

Before we left the vet's office, Nick asked the doctor if he knew what breed I am. He said, "A beagle/lab mix." Of course—isn't that what you guys asked for?

When we got back to my new home (and it had been confirmed I was a girl), the kids decided they wanted to name me after a strong woman. They settled on Amelia, in honor of a great aviator, and Athena, the goddess of wisdom. It turns out



Athena crashing the Rangel kid's group photo. L-R: Ilan, Nadia, Adam, Sofia, and Isaac, with Athena front and center.

that Lorene & Nick's pregnant sister-in-law had dibs on Amelia for a girl's name, so that's how I became Athena.

I'm not sure if the Rangel kids still believe in Santa, but I do know they still love me.

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Neighborhood Parking 101



NEIGHBORHOOD
by Bianca Maldonado

With narrow streets in MPNA, it is mindful to consider not parking too close to a driveway approach or parking directly across from your neighbor's driveway as it can limit the turn radius to safely enter and

exit a residential driveway. Give everyone plenty of room where possible.

Texas Motor Vehicle Laws detail various restrictions to parking automobiles. The following is only a partial listing of where it is illegal to park. Report to SAPD (210)207-7273:

- in an intersection, on a sidewalk, crosswalk (marked or unmarked), or railroad track
- in front of any driveway (including your own driveway)
- within 15 ft of a fire hydrant
- within 20 ft of a crosswalk (marked or unmarked)
- within 30 ft of a yield sign, stop sign, or traffic signal
- double parking on a street

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Whether it's a junk vehicle parked on the yard, a menacing stray dog in the park, or a growing pothole at a nearby intersection, San Antonio's 311 app is the fast and easy way to report your concerns.

Download from the App Store or Google Play. If you have used it before, improvements from prior versions have made it easier to report activities. You can flag locations through geo-location, attach photos, and give supporting information for a variety of issues.

You can still call 3-1-1, tweet (or is that X?) @sanantonio311 or use your computer to report possible violations and seek city help, whichever you prefer.

The next time you see a problem in and around Monticello Park, please take a few minutes to report it. Your action makes our neighborhood safer, more attractive, and shows you care!



Submit Service Requests on the App

- Animal Concerns
- Garbage/dumping
- Graffiti
- Parks Issues
- Permits
- Property Maintenance
- Scooters/Dockless Vehicles
- Sidewalks
- Streets/Traffic

Help Document MPNA History Online

MPNA needs your help to preserve our history and to learn from our past.

Have you heard the phrase "Standing on the shoulders of giants?" This idea goes back thousands of years and helps us understand that one of the best ways to strengthen the programs and efforts of MPNA is



HOME TOUR
by Gary Hudman

to build on the successes of our past. Our neighborhood Association has long been one of the most active groups in the city, and we can definitely learn from the neighbors who came before us.

This year marks MPNA's 40th anniversary, and I have set out to find and preserve many of our documents and programs digitally.

Specifically, I am attempting to build a full set of Newsletters, Home Tour Booklets, and Meetings Minutes for the entire history of our association,

and I need your help. I have started publishing these on our website at www.monticelloparkna.org. Check it out!

HOME TOUR

Thanks to Jan Peranteau, Earlene Valdez, and Gail Collins, I have home tour booklets for almost every year. I am missing the 8th Tour, which likely took place in 2004 (records are spotty at that point, as the tour was not held regularly). I am also looking for a better copy of the 6th Tour in 2000.

NEWSLETTERS

I am missing most issues prior to 2010. Bianca Maldonado loaned me several boxes of MPNA records, where I found about a dozen early issues, but I still need more help. Will you please look through your records and let me know if you have any early newsletters?

MEETINGS MINUTES

Those boxes from Bianca are a real treasure chest of minutes. It may take me a year to organize and scan those documents, but if you have any early

records, particularly from 1993-1999, I would appreciate your reaching out.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you have any of these records or any pictures of early events and neighbors of MPNA, I would love the chance to borrow them for a few days. I plan to scan them and return them to you along with my thanks and the gratitude of the entire neighborhood. Please contact me via email at admin@monticelloparkna.org or call me at (210)920-5526.

HELP US FIND THESE RECORDS

- Home Tour Booklets 2000 & 2004
- Newsletters 1993-2009
- Meeting Minutes 1993-1999

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