

Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



HISTORIC HOMES AND FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS IN THE HEART OF SAN ANTONIO

MARCH/APRIL 2024

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Monday, 3/25/24, 7 PM
Grace Presbyterian Church
950 Donaldson

Speaker: D7 Updates

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*"Life's most persistent
and urgent question
is, 'What are you
doing for others?'"*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Traditional Wood Windows: Repair or Replace?

Do you have a love/hate relationship with your old wood windows? You love



SAVE OUR SASH
by Robin Foster

your historic house, but the old windows are drafty, rattling, painted shut, and impossible to open. Their unsightly peeling paint, failing putty, and cracked glass are an embarrassment.

You've seen the ads for replacement windows with tempting promises of energy efficiency, no maintenance, and a 20-year warranty....New is always better, right? Actually, NO! And the reasons why might surprise you.

1. Authenticity and aesthetics.

Historic windows contribute significantly to a property in terms of character and craftsmanship: the design, size, number of panes, type of glass, muntin configuration, craftsmanship, and placement were carefully selected to contribute to the total aesthetics of your historic home. Detailed frames and profiles that set off recessed sashes create depth and visual interest. Old glass produces reflections that are a delight to the eye, whereas modern flat windows with tinted glass and plastic grilles look jarringly out of place on an old house. As original materials are removed from a historic property, it begins to lose its integrity and ultimately its historic value.

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After years of neglect, wood windows can look pretty bad, but this can be repaired.



With just a few materials and some simple techniques, it looks new again.

Spring is in the Air in Monticello Park

Neighbors,

Spring is here! I love walking down



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by Drea Garza

our neighborhood streets and seeing all of the bluebonnets in bloom. Every block offers a different spectacle of color. Which block is your favorite? All of the trees that lost leaves over the

winter months are also slowing showing shades of green, but I have noticed many trees are struggling to come back, and pecans seem to have had a particularly rough time. Be sure to check on your trees and work with an arborist to prune limbs and avoid property damage from any falling branches. If you have oaks, don't forget to paint any wounds, and again, consider working with an arborist since our oaks are prone to oak wilt.

On March 7th, District 7 hosted a Public Safety Town Hall meeting. Chief McManus provided a brief overview of various initiatives that SAPD has been taking to address violent crime, and acknowledged frustrations over ongoing property crimes; however, the primary focus of the meeting was on animal control. Shannon Sims, Animal Care Services, along with the appointed administrative judges that adjudicate cases related to animal care, such as animal abuse, loose dogs, and dog bites, were present to speak about due process for pet owners, fines, and available resources to pet owners. One of the most interesting statistics was that approximately 90% of dogs found on streets or roaming through city parks are not strays; they are simply not

properly restrained by their owners. Also eye-opening is that while we can search a registry of "dangerous" dogs, which means a dog that has caused, or may reasonably be thought to cause, an attack on a person that results in bodily injury, there is currently no registry of "aggressive" dogs, which means those dogs that have caused injury to another domestic animal. In short, San Antonio has an epidemic of irresponsible pet owners, so we must be careful when walking on our own or with our pets. If you see loose dogs, please document and report it to 311.

Did you know that the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) has a new commission that reviews specific requests for Certificates of Appropriateness (COAs)? The Compliance and Technical Advisor Board (CTAB) is responsible for reviewing certain cases, to include window and door replacements, changes to roofing materials, and skirting and siding specifications. CTAB will also be responsible for reviewing violation cases.

Be sure to join us for the first General Assembly meeting of the year at Grace Presbyterian Church at 950 Donaldson Avenue on Monday, March 25th, 7:00 pm. In addition to updates from our SAFFE Officer, and District 7, we will share the latest on Google Fiber installations, street/alley/drainage improvements, and additional four-way stop signs. Join us to learn more about the neighborhood and get to know your neighbors.

Thank you and 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

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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



Windows, from page 1

2. Longevity. Traditional windows were built to last, to be repaired as needed, and to remain in use for as long as the house might stand. Old-growth lumber is denser than today's fast-grown softwoods and therefore naturally resistant to weather, rot, and insects. The low-tech rope-and-pulley balance system lasts indefinitely. Mortise-and-tenon joints are incredibly strong; even when they begin to weaken, they are easily repaired. Historic windows' individual parts can be individually repaired or replaced in kind. In contrast, vinyl, aluminum, fiberglass, and composite windows are manufactured as a unit, and the components generally cannot be repaired. When a part fails, when the insulated glass seal breaks, or when the vinyl warps, the entire unit will need to be replaced—usually long before their 10- or 20-year warranty expires—and sent to the landfill.

3. Efficiency. Windows are often blamed as the leading culprit of heat gain/loss, but in reality they account for only 25% of waste, with 75% occurring elsewhere: through the roof, walls, and ground floors. Older windows may also have shifted and changed with their openings as the building aged. Simple

repairs to ensure that windows close and lock tightly can greatly reduce air infiltration. Adding weatherstripping and an interior or exterior storm window to a historic wood window in good repair will also significantly

“Repairing and maintaining an old wood window may seem daunting, but [there] are four good reasons why it’s worth the effort.”

improve its energy efficiency. Other options include interior film, shades, shutters, and screens. New, rigidly square replacement windows installed in those not-perfectly square openings will leave drafty gaps. And while double-pane glass is efficient the day it’s installed, the seals will eventually fail, most likely requiring replacement of the entire window unit.

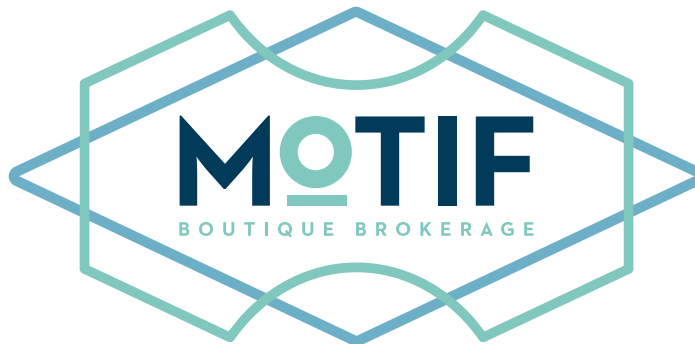
4. Affordability. In most cases, window repair is not only the more affordable solution upfront but offers a much greater return on investment than replacement. Statistically, it is virtually impossible to recoup, in energy savings, the amount of money spent on replacing historic wood windows with new windows before the new windows need to be replaced.

Repairing and maintaining an old wood window may seem daunting, but these are four good reasons why it’s worth the effort. Historic windows were intended to be taken apart and repaired with a few materials available at your local hardware store. Today, many of these materials are easily found online (if not at the big-box stores), along with helpful DIY videos. If you don’t want to tackle repairs yourself, consult one of San Antonio’s historic window restorers.

Lastly, keep in mind that for ANY fenestration changes in a historic district—even in-kind repairs to your windows—you MUST obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). This helps preserve the historic beauty of both your home and Monticello Park!

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Tired of Escalating Property Taxes?

Learn how to protest your property value and keep your taxes under control

Between January and April each year, Bexar County analyzes the values of properties in the county. By mid-April, you should receive a Notice of Appraised Value showing your home's proposed value, which has a direct effect on your 2024 Property Taxes.

If you do not agree with this valuation, it is up to you to contest the appraised value by filling out a Notice of Protest Form located on the back of the Notice of Appraised Value. You must file this by May 15, 2024, or no later than 30 days after you receive your Notice of Appraised Value.

If you would like to know more about how to contest your appraisal and useful techniques about how to lower your property tax bill, the City of San Antonio is holding a series of workshops to help area residents through the process.

Please plan to attend one or more of these sessions to learn more about how to keep your property tax bills as low as possible. The session on May 11th is right here in the neighborhood!

Property Tax Help Sessions

- **March 20th, 5 PM, Pre-K 4 SA East**
5230 Eisenhower Road.
- **March 30th, 10 AM, Reagan High School**
19000 Ronald Reagan Drive.
- **April 1st, 5 PM, JT Brackenridge Elementary School**
214 Guadalupe St.
- **April 9th, 5 PM, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
6240 UTSA Blvd.
- **April 13th, 10 AM, Palo Alto College**
1400 W. Villaret Blvd.
- **April 15th, 12 PM, Virtual Session**
Link: sanantonio.gov/propertytaxhelp.
- **April 17th, 4 PM, Texas A&M San Antonio, San Antonio Auditorium**
1 University Way.
- **April 23rd, 5 PM, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
7100 Wilder St.
- **April 27th, 10 AM, Elma A. Neal Elementary**
3407 Capitol Ave.
- **May 1st, 5 PM, Second Baptist Church**
3310 E Commerce St.
- **May 6th, 5 PM, True Vine Baptist Church**
435 S. Ellison Dr.
- **May 11th, 10 AM, Woodlawn Pointe Center for Community**
702 Donaldson Ave.

Apply for the 2024 MPNA Scholarship

For students at Thomas Jefferson High School and MPNA residents at any school

The application for the 2024 scholarship is available via a Google form on the MPNA website (monticelloparkna.org) or the QR code below. You must have a Google account to sign in and access the application; Google accounts can be created for free if you do not already have an account. A complete application, including a short essay, must be submitted by April 19,

2024. Please review the application instructions for rules and eligibility.

To make a donation to the scholarship fund, please visit the MPNA website. <https://monticelloparkna.org/scholarships>.

All donations are welcome.
Good luck and congratulations to the Class of 2024!

MPNA Scholarships

- Funded by proceeds from MPNA Home Tour plus matching funds from individuals and local organizations
- During COVID school closure, funds were donated to SAISD to support online learning
- History of past winners is available at <https://monticelloparkna.org/scholarships>



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.

Download City's 311 App

Easy access to city services in the palm of your hand.

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. You can flag locations through geo-location, attach photos, and give supporting information for a variety of issues.

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.

Report on the App

- Animal Concerns
- Garbage/dumping
- Graffiti
- Parks Issues
- Permit problems
- Property Maintenance
- Sidewalk problems
- Streets/Traffic

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 6 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 18 MPNA Board Meeting
- 20 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 22 Compliance & Technical Advisory Board Meeting
- 25 MPNA General Assembly

APRIL

- 3 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 5 MPNA Pink Flamingo Social
- 8 MPNA Board Meeting
- 13 Free Landfill Day
- 17 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 19 Compliance & Technical Advisory Board Meeting
- 18-28 Fiesta San Antonio

MAY

- Preservation Month
- 1 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 13 MPNA Board Meeting
- 13 Brush Collection
- 15 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 17 Compliance & Technical Advisory Board Meeting

JUNE

- 3 MPNA General Assembly
- 5 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 10 MPNA Board Meeting
- 21 Compliance & Technical Advisory Board Meeting
- 28 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting

JULY

- 4 MPNA July 4th Kids' Parade
- 8 MPNA Board Meeting
- 13 Free Landfill Day
- 17 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 19 Compliance & Technical Advisory Board Meeting
- 22 MPNA General Assembly

AUGUST

- 7 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 12 Bulky Waste Collection
- 12 MPNA Board Meeting
- 21 Historic Design Review Commission Meeting
- 23 Compliance & Technical Advisory Board Meeting

Please Join MPNA to Build a Better Neighborhood

Your dues help support the entire neighborhood and build a better community

Please help us build a stronger and more engaged neighborhood by paying MPNA membership dues for your household. We are an all-volunteer neighborhood association which works on behalf of all neighbors within our neighborhood association boundaries, and we need your help and support.

You may wonder what exactly the association does. Our projects cover a wide variety of situations, from social events to government advocacy.

For example, most of the street, sidewalk, and alley projects our neighborhood has benefitted from for many years are a direct result of MPNA advocating for funding and making certain our neighborhood is not overlooked among the city's many priorities. Visit monticelloparkna.org/infrastructure-projects to see examples of the many projects MPNA has promoted.

Do you use the Monticello Park at Kampmann and Club? You should know that all of the original planning and

construction and later improvements to this park were due to the hard work of MPNA.

We also hold several neighborhood social events throughout the year to help bring neighbors together and forge stronger community bonds. When we know our neighbors, we are all stronger and better off for it.

Finally, we award scholarships to local high school students and beautification grants to neighbors who have helped preserve their homes.

All of this requires money, and we use both membership dues and proceeds from our Holiday Home Tour to support these programs and more.

Won't you invest a small amount to help our association build a better neighborhood for you and your family? You can pay at the next General Assembly meeting on March 25, 2024 or use the ever-convenient online payment method at monticelloparkna.org.

It's Easy to Pay Your 2024 Dues

- \$10 per household where at least one person is 65+
- \$20 per household when all are under 65
- Pay in person at 3/25 General Assembly Meeting
- Use this QR code to pay online at the MPNA site.



Monticello Park Neighborhood Association General Assembly Meeting

Monday, March 25, 2024, 7 PM
950 Donaldson, Grace Presbyterian Church Community Room



- **Crime Report from Officer Cano**
- **District 7 Updates**
- **Changes from Google Fiber**
- **Please Pay Membership Dues**

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Please Help Maintain Curbs and Sidewalks

Weeds and debris will allow water to infiltrate and cause major damage

Spring is here, and now is the time for all of us to help maintain our streets, alleys, sidewalks, and curbs.



BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD
by Gary Hudman

For a number of years, MPNA has successfully worked with the city to prioritize improvements to many of our sidewalks, alleys, and streets. We have seen street improvements on Furr, Donaldson, Mary Louise, Shearer, Lake, and Vollum, plus additional work on our park, alleys, flood control projects, and more! And there is current work underway on Kampmann, Quentin, and North! Please thank your MPNA Board for advocating for all of these improvements. I know they would appreciate the kudos!

But once the construction is done, it is up to each neighbor to keep that

infrastructure healthy. By using the right techniques when mowing your lawn, you can actually extend the life of the streets, curbs, and sidewalks.

We can help maintain the health of our streets with a few very simple steps. Water is the single most damaging element to street pavement. When it is allowed to get into the pavement through cracks, it deteriorates the base, causing the pavement to shift and fail. That speeds up the deterioration of the street and curbs and shortens their lifetime. Now that the weather is warming up, this is the perfect time to remember these tips.

KEEP GRASS OUT OF THE STREET

DON'T allow dirt and grass to accumulate on your curb, which allows grass and weeds to grow into the pavement. The roots of the plants work their way through the pavement, causing it to crack or break into pieces. Water can then get under the pavement and cause premature failure of the street.

DO keep your curb clean and clear. Keep your grass edged so that it doesn't grow into the street. Sweep up the grass clippings and either place them in your organics cart or put them on your lawn. Clear out any growth between the concrete and the asphalt pavement. Sweep up any dirt, and put it back on your lawn, so that weeds don't have a chance to grow.

KEEP CURBS CLEAR FOR WATER

DON'T allow debris to block the flow of runoff. Water can damage pavement. Curbs protect pavement by channeling water runoff. It is important to minimize curb blockage so that water can drain freely off of the street.

DO keep your curb clean so water flows and doesn't pond. When you keep your curbs clean, you help to keep water off of the pavement and out of the base material. This helps to extend the life of the street and will keep our neighborhood looking as nice as possible.

DON'T allow dirt and grass to accumulate at your curb.

DON'T blow debris over the curb and into the street.

DON'T allow debris to block the flow of water runoff.

DO keep your curb clean and clear of all debris.

DO keep yard waste and bulky trash off of the curb.

DO keep your curb clean so water flows and doesn't pond.



This curb is not properly maintained. Roots will weaken the structure and water will pond.



This curb is well maintained and allows easy water to easily run off. Plus, it looks great!

Spice Up Your Dinner with Ro's Meatballs

Quick and easy turkey meatballs will please the entire family

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.

WHO IS MASTER RO?

Mary Louise resident Ro Inslar infuses passion into every dish. With a focus on simple, affordable, ingredients, she creates flavorful dishes which delight the senses and quickly become family favorites. From bold flavors to comforting classics, Chef Ro brings joy to the table.

MEATBALLS HISTORY

The humble meatball has a surprisingly long journey. Its origins likely lie in the Middle East or Asia, where folks combined ground meat with grains and spices for a filling meal. Ancient Romans and Greeks enjoyed their own versions, often featuring breadcrumbs, herbs, and flavorful sauces.

Fast forward to medieval times, and Persia's kofta, a meatball dish with bulgur or lentils, is thought to have influenced European recipes. Italy embraced the meatball, calling them "polpette" and incorporating cheese and garlic. Italian immigrants arriving in America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries adapted their recipes, using affordable ground beef and creating the larger, denser meatballs we know today. Here, they found their popular partners: spaghetti and tomato sauce.

MASTER RO'S CREAMY CHIPOTLE TURKEY MEATBALLS

Prep Time: 5-10 minutes – Cook Time: 25 minutes – Total Time: 30-35 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 1 to 1.25 lbs. Ground Turkey (also works with chicken, beef or pork)
- 1 Egg
- 2 tbsp. Plain Breadcrumbs
- 2 tsps. finely chopped Italian Parsley (or parsley flakes or chopped fresh spinach)
- 1/4 tsp. Salt
- 1/4 tsp. Pepper
- 1/4 tsp. Paprika
- 1/2 tsp. Garlic Powder
- 3 to 4 tbsps. Shredded Mexican Cheese, optional.

(For low-sodium diets, substitute the salt, pepper, and garlic with 1 tsp. of Mrs. Dash's No Salt Added Garlic & Herb and 1/4 tsp. of Paprika)



FOR SAUCE

- 1 tbsp. Coconut Oil (or other oil)
- 1 Chipotle Pepper minced or 1 Tsp. Chipotle Powder (for spicier sauce, use 2 peppers or 1-1/2 tsps. of powder)
- 1 (28 oz) Can HEB Fire Roasted Tomatoes
- 1.5 Cups of Half & Half (or Coconut Milk or Almond Milk)
- 2 Cloves of Garlic, minced.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400, and line a baking sheet with parchment paper (I use copper grilling sheets)
2. In a large bowl, combine meat, egg, breadcrumbs, parsley, salt and spices, mixing thoroughly until the egg is totally absorbed. Roll into 1 inch meatballs and bake at 400 for about 10 minutes (or until lightly browned), turning them once halfway through cooking time.
3. While the meatballs cook, place a large, deep skillet on medium heat, add and heat the coconut oil. Add fresh garlic and the fresh chipotle peppers and cook for 2-3 minutes, making sure the garlic doesn't burn. If using chipotle powder, add it to the skillet after the garlic is slightly cooked, stir well.
4. Pour the Half & Half and tomatoes into the skillet. Stir well to combine the ingredients thoroughly and bring the sauce to a boil, then reduce heat to simmer.
5. Take a hand blender and use it for 2 minutes on low, directly in the skillet while the sauce simmers, to finely chop and blend the fire roasted tomatoes and the other ingredients, then continue to cook for 10 minutes. Taste and add more of the spices to taste.
6. The meatballs should be lightly browned at this time. Remove from the oven and place them in the skillet to simmer in the sauce for another 8-10 minutes.
7. If the sauce is too thin, or you'd like it to be thicker, you can add 1-2 tbsps. of Whipped Cream Cheese and blend it into the sauce using the hand blender.
8. When the sauce is done, serve over cavatappi, spaghetti or other pasta (which can be cooked while the sauce is simmering). You can also add the cooked pasta to the sauce and meatballs, mixing it into the sauce, before serving. Add the shredded cheese after plating, if desired. Enjoy!

Thomas Jefferson High School is a Treasure

The campus is an architectural gem and has produced many notable alumni

We should all be proud of the beauty and legacy of Thomas Jefferson



HISTORY CORNER
by Gary Hudman

High School, nestled at the western-most boundary of Monticello Park. The school is a Texas Historic Landmark, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Designed by Max

Frederick, of the architectural firm Adams & Adams, and completed in 1932, the palatial Spanish Revival campus is an extravaganza of lavish detail inspired by Spain's Alhambra.

At the time, this was the most expensive school built in San Antonio, at a cost of \$1,250,000. The main structure, dominated by two silver-domed towers, surrounds beautiful patios and stately arcades. The building features cast stone ornamentation by acclaimed Italian immigrant, Hannibal Pianta, framing the main entryway and seen throughout the complex.

Jefferson High School made quite a splash soon after it opened. In 1937, Jefferson became nationally known when it was chosen out of 1,500 schools as the most outstanding high school in

America, and was featured in a *Life Magazine* pictorial the following year for this honor.

The story noted that “Nothing could be more appropriate than that the first million and a half dollar educational plant should bear the name of the man who once wrote, ‘No surer foundation than large scale education can be devised for the preservation of freedom

and happiness.’”

In 1940, Jane Withers starred in *High School*, a motion picture set at Jefferson, even though it was mostly shot on a Hollywood back lot.

Jefferson eventually was San Antonio's top-rated high school, graduating many notable alumni, and its historical design and architectural beauty have remained sources of pride for generations.



Lobby card from High School, released January 23, 1940



Aerial view of Thomas Jefferson High School campus soon after completion, showing the empty tracts surrounding the school. Ten years later, this would be fully developed.

JEFFERSON AT A GLANCE

- Built for \$1.25 million
- Adams & Adams, architects along with Phelps & Dewees, supervising architects
- Public open house on January 30, 1932 created traffic jams
- 1900 students enrolled during first year, including 500 seniors
- Original 33-acre site cost \$94,588
- Site was originally planned for residential homesites plus a resort hotel and golf course
- First school in San Antonio with its own gymnasium and the first to have tile floors instead of wood

SMALL SELECTION OF NOTABLE ALUMNI

Henry B. Gonzalez, Class of 1935
U.S. Congressman

Robert Cole, Class of 1933
Medal of Honor Winner, WWII

Lillian Dunlap, Class of 1938
Brigadier General U.S. Army

Marcia Nasatir, Class of 1943
Hollywood Film Producer

John Silber, Class of 1943
President, Boston University

Kyle Rote, Class of 1947
NFL Star/Broadcaster

Robert Floyd Curl, Class of 1950
Nobel Prize Winner

Jim Lehrer, Class of 1952
Emmy Winning TV Journalist

Tommy Nobis, Class of 1962
NFL Star

Alfred Valenzuela, Class of 1966
Major General U.S. Army

William E. Moerner, Class of 1971
Nobel Prize Winner

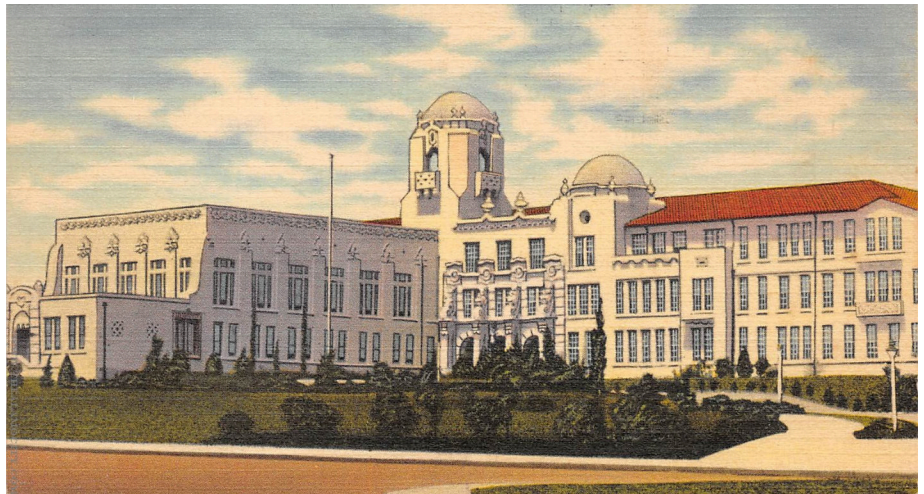
Ed Garza, Class of 1986
San Antonio Mayor

Joaquin Castro, Class of 1992
U.S. Congressman

Julian Castro, Class of 1992
San Antonio Mayor



The yet-to-be-named "New High School," under construction in 1931.



Thomas Jefferson High School was featured on several post cards, giving San Antonio tourists the ability to share this wonder with their friends and relatives.



Jefferson Lassos drill team was featured on the cover of *Life* in 1938.



This 1931 view of the "New High School" under construction shows the skeleton for the concrete-reinforced dome.

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Invited!**

Monticello Park Neighborhood Association

Pink Flamingo Social

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