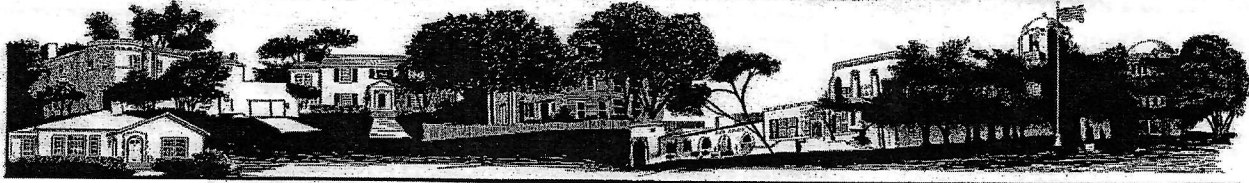


Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



July/August 2010

Reaching 730 Homes in the Monticello Park Neighborhood

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY
July 26, 2010
7:00 PM

Grace Presbyterian Church
950 Donaldson Avenue

Future Meetings:

General Assembly

- September 27
- November 29

Board Meeting (Open to all interested)

Held at 6:30 PM at
The Deco Building
1800 Fredericksburg Road

- August 9
- September 13
- October 11
- November 15
- December 13

Did you know that the trees in the easement of your homes are your responsibility (removing fallen branches, etc.) but that CPS will remove overhead branches which interfere with power lines at no charge? They will provide this service for trees between your property line and the house.

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Jan Peranteau

Cats have not always been a part of Gail Collins' life. "My first cat adopted me. When I first got married, a cat came to the door. Now my limit is six cats at a time." Working on the Monticello Park Neighborhood Association Board, Collins heard many complaints about stray cats in the neighborhood. She heard another board member, Tony Sanchez, complaining about cats yowling at night, and the perfume of cat spray in yards.

On evening walks, she spotted houses that had a passel of cats hanging about the yard. She decided to do something. She enrolled in a feral cat workshop and met Kay Keane. They began a project that would spay, neuter, and return two hundred cats in the Jefferson neighborhood and one hundred cats in the Pasadena neighborhood. Working alone mostly, she trapped, neutered and returned sixty-six cats in the Monticello neighborhood in 2009. In 2010, both of her parents died within months of each other, and she has captured, spayed, and returned twenty-nine cats. What is amazing about these numbers is that the sixty-six cats in 2009 came from ten households. The twenty-nine cats came from five households. She recently inherited a big dog named Sugar from her deceased parents, so Collins is busy. Sugar lounges about on a couch and is adjusting to six cats in the house. The cats are adjusting to Sugar, especially



Gail Collins and Rocky, the rescued cat

Peanut, a fifteen year old white cat with slanty eyes. He regularly pees on Sugar's bed just to show his displeasure at the situation. But Collins and Sugar are patient. They pad the bed with extra towels that can easily be washed.

You might think that six cats and one dog would be a stinky affair. But not so—there is no animal odor. Collins attributes this to clumpable kitty litter.

But why so many cats in the neighborhood? Collins said, "A female cat can produce eighteen kittens in a year. So with unfixed females, the numbers multiply quickly." Kind-hearted people feed them." Sometimes it is at the back

door and sometimes people travel to the location of feral cats to feed. She described a woman, "Pat" who rides the bus, buys a bag of cat food at HEB and walks the neighborhood feeding cats at 11:00 p.m. at night. Collins described this as scary. "You're walking onto people's property at 12:00 o'clock at night. You don't know if you will be shot."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The heat of summer and a birthday party for a ninety-five year old drew me to the northern part of the nation recently. My travels took me Minneapolis, North Dakota, and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

While in the Black Hills, we visited Deadwood. We were curious about the town not only because of the HBO series, but due to the fact that my children's great-great grandfather owned a saloon in the old-west town. We were off on a fact finding mission and hoping to get a glimpse of the actual site of this little slice of a rollicking history.

We never did find the location of the bar nor of the gravesite. It seems that all of the Catholic burial records burned in 1934. The great fire of 1879 took down the majority of homes and businesses in Deadwood. Sturdy brick and stone buildings such as the Bullock Hotel and The Gem saloon were built in 1905 and remain today. Do those names sound familiar? They are still as interesting and beautiful as they appear in the series.

The reason I share this with you is that in the middle of the historic Main Street, we came upon a building completely out of sync with the rest of the street. It was in the post-World War II style and was completely covered in stucco. It appeared as if it had been lifted up from Los Angeles or anywhere along the old Route 66 and planted on this main corner of Deadwood. It was like a meatball in oatmeal, orange juice and toothpaste, LeBron James and any other basketball team—it just didn't belong! My travel companion asked how in the world this could have happened in a historic district. My answer was that not all historic districts are the same.

And that's why I bring this little story to your attention. The historic districts in San Antonio exist for an important reason. The intrusion of architectural styles and design elements out of sync with a neighborhood destroys the flavor of that very neighborhood. While we have many different styles, sizes, and people; there is a flavor to our neighborhood which must be preserved. The HDRC works hard each week to ensure that the style and flavor of an area remains. We are embarking on another round of Neighborhood Beautification awards and the two go hand in hand.

During the last contest period, only one neighbor completed an application for the beautification award. All through Monticello Park, neighbors are improving landscapes and exteriors of homes. The application for this contest is included in this month's newsletter. Please consider applying for the award which will help offset the expense you have undertaken in order to improve the outside of your home and grounds and ultimately, the beauty of our neighborhood.

Ferne Burney
President, MPNA

FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!



We are in need of volunteers of all kinds for the Home Tour Committee in MPNA. The semi-annual Home Tour will be held on November 7, 2010, but the work in planning is going on right now!!



Please contact either Jan Peranteau (733-5923) or Gail Collins (735-9966) to volunteer your skills, time, and talent!



Please call as soon as possible to get involved.



MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Monticello Park Neighborhood Association is for everyone (owners and renters).

Yes, I want to invest in my neighborhood. Enclosed is my 2010 contribution.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I would also like to help on the following committees:

Membership Dues

- | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Finance | Social Activities | Park |
| Fundraising | Safety/Crime Prevention | Zoning |
| Membership | Historical Preservation | Home Tour |
| Directory | Scholarship | Newsletter |

\$10 Senior Dues

\$15 Member Dues

\$__ Additional for

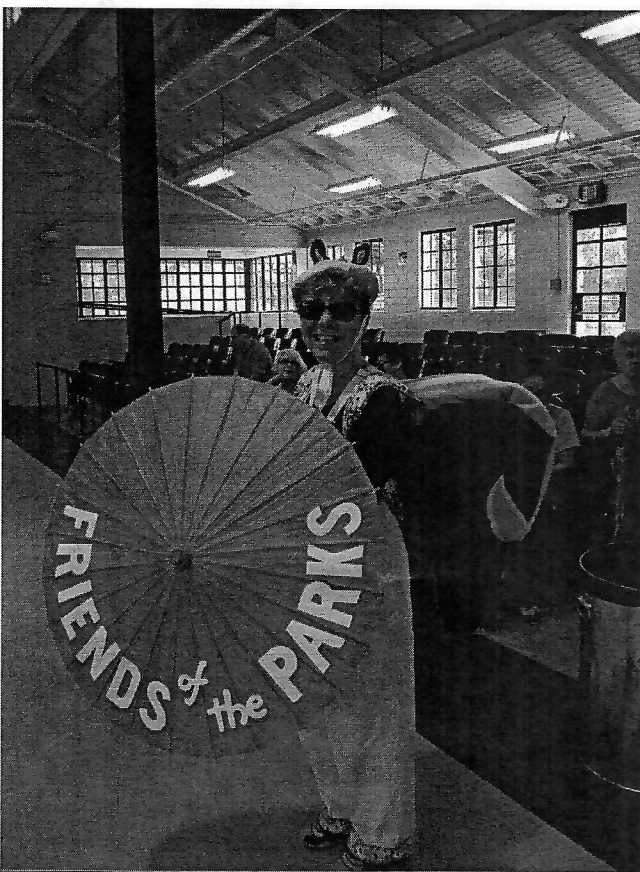
Send to:
MPNA P.O. Box 5851 • San Antonio, TX 78201



Members of the MPNA and Jefferson Neighborhood Association came together for a great time for the children of San Antonio. Here Sam Guerra paints faces.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

District 7 Council Office.....	207-7044
Code Compliance	311
Animal Control.....	311
SAWS.....	724-7097
CPS.....	353-2222
Officer Vidal.....	207-7421
SAPD — West Substation.....	207-7420
SAISD Police.....	271-3124
VIA Transit.....	362-2019
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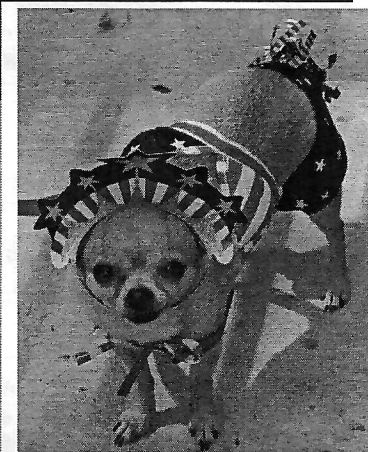


Even a squirrel showed up to enjoy the parade, the party, the fireworks, and the fun. HEB was a major sponsor along with MPNA. HEB provided water and ice, and the Parks Department provided funds for all of the decorations for the children and their vehicles.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking:	\$4,454.50
Savings:	\$3,831.04
CD:	\$11,329.70
Total Treasury:	\$19,615.24

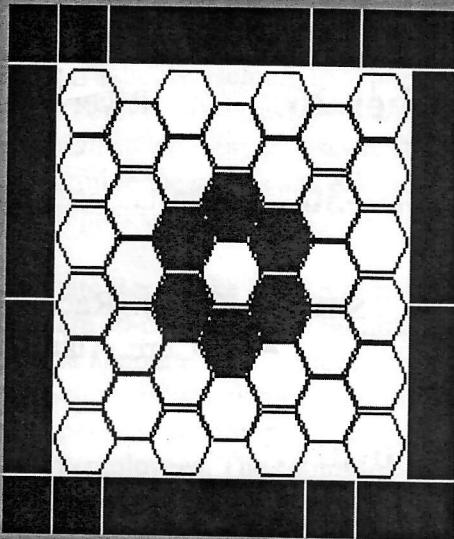
A gigantic Monticello Park THANK YOU goes to all who helped by making the paper flowers, the haloes, and for purchasing all of the decorations for our Children's Parade!



The theme of the day must have been "America is CUTE"



SAVE THE DATE!

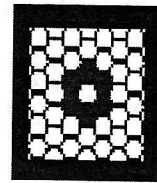


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9am to 2pm
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HISTORIC
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■ FAIR ■

Join us Saturday, August 28th, for the second annual City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation Historic Homeowner Fair. The fair will include sessions on repairing wood windows, "green" living in older neighborhoods, appropriate repairs and additions to historic properties, kids activities and more. In the Exhibitors' Hall find products and services of interest to owners of older homes.

Free and open to the public, the fair provides citizens and professionals a unique opportunity to interact and discuss issues related to caring for homes more than 50 years old.

If you are interested in becoming a Historic Homeowner Fair exhibitor or sponsor, please contact Amy Unger at the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation for space availability and reservations.

And don't miss your chance to register for the Window Restoration Workshop offered by the Office of Historic Preservation and the UTSA School of Architecture, August 20-21. Visit our website at www.sanantonio.gov/historic for more information on this and other upcoming preservation events.

City of San Antonio
Office of Historic Preservation
1901 S Alamo St
San Antonio, TX 78204

For more information call (210) 207-1496
or email OHP@sanantonio.gov

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE THERE'S SIGNS

Okay, so that's an oldie and not such a goodie, but it sums up what the neighborhood looks like on almost any Monday morning. So many garage sales have taken place, and so many signs are still up!

Signs posted on telephone poles, utility poles, and other fixtures belonging to the city are considered "Bandit" signs and violate Code Compliance. Signs advertising a garage sale, a lost dog, a business, or any other information may NOT be posted on the aforementioned sites.

Please comply and help make our neighborhood beautiful!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Now through August 6

Balcones Heights Jazz Festival
4522 Fredericksburg Road, 7 pm

July 31—August 1 Charity Wedding
Gown Sale, JW Marriott, 10 am—6 pm

August 16 Wounded Heroes Golf
Classic
TPC Golf at the JW Marriott

August 28—29 UTSA Alumni Gala

September 3—5 Labor Day Weekend

September 10—26
Annual Zoological Society Zoo Run
San Antonio Zoo

September 10 Dos Equis
Pachanga Del Rio, River Walk

September 18—19 Jazzsalive
Travis Park

September 30 Villa Finale Opening
Celebration
401 King William Street, 7pm

October 2 Memory Walk
Alzheimer's Association
Brackenridge Park, 7am

November 1 Dia de los Muertos
Missions National Park

November 25 Thanksgiving Day

November 26 River Lighting
Ceremony

April 14—30 Fiesta San Antonio

May 1 Susan G.Komen, Race for the
Cure, Alamodome

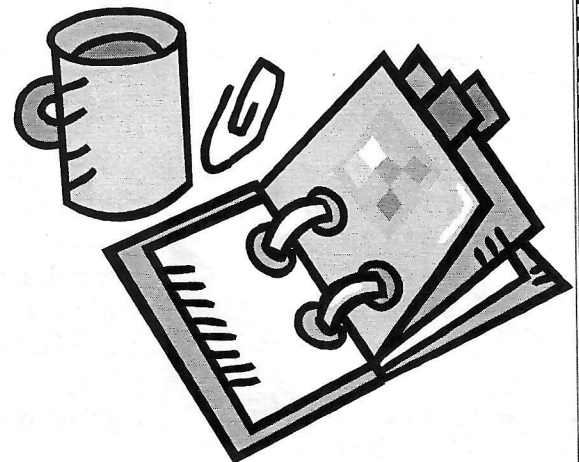
In the Future:

May 1 MPNA Garage Sale

October 5 National Neighborhood
Night Out

October 30 MPNA Garage Sale

November 7 MPNA Home Tour



Community committee working toward school improvements

Trustees are expected to decide in August whether to call for a Nov. 2 bond election to benefit District schools. Helping to explore this idea is a 35-member community-based committee which has been meeting since late May to discuss District needs and help determine the details and priorities for a possible bond package.

Parent and State Rep. Mike Villarreal and parent Celina Peña are co-chairs of the committee whose members were appointed by Trustees - five each from every School Board district - and made up of residents, parents, alumni, past committee members and employees. The committee has reviewed the District's financial information, tax impact scenarios, and the long-range strategic plan, and also have toured facilities to help guide their recommendations. The co-chairs presented an update on the committee's work at the June 21 School Board meeting, and reported that members recommend a \$502 million bond referendum for November. But first, there are still items to be considered including tax impact and bond package details. The committee will provide final recommendations to the School Board in late July.

The committee's work follows approval by the School Board last April to move forward with the first phase of implementation of the long-range restructuring plan, which also was developed by a community-based committee. Under Phase I recommendations, all schools would receive safety and security and technology improvements, several schools would be significantly renovated into 21st century instruction environments, and high schools and middle schools would receive career technology program enhancements.

For more information on the committee's work, go to the Community section on the front page of www.saisd.net.

YARDS

It's been said that when the rains come to San Antonio, no one has better looking yards than ours. No bald patches of St. Augustine such as last year...but with that comes a responsibility.

Keeping the lawn mowed is key, but equally important is keeping the lawn edged. Plentiful rains have allowed grass to grow in the cracks on the sidewalk, and improperly maintained sod has allowed the rains to wash large amounts of dirt onto the sidewalk.

And remember, the alley must be kept clear of grass and debris, maintaining a 11' clearance with trees so that the garbage trucks can move through.

We just suggesting that weekly maintenance of the sidewalk in front of the house along with basic yard maintenance will help keep Monticello Park a place everyone will be proud to call home.

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The project began in earnest with Collins handing out flyers in the neighborhood saying that cats could be spayed, neutered and returned. If someone needed help and didn't have the money to pay, a telephone number was given. Cats would be given the following:

1. Spay or neuter
2. Rabies shots
3. FNRCD-a major illnesses and distemper shot
4. Ivermectin-Drops in the ear for ear mites and other infections
5. Ear tip cut-on left ear to identify cats that had been treated.
6. Penicillin

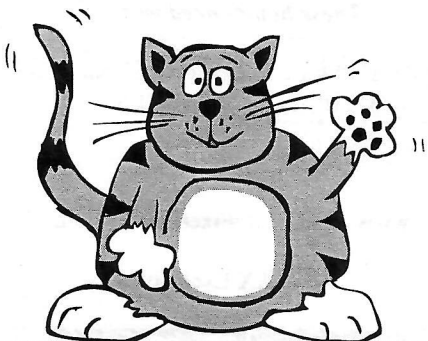
The bottom line is that cats will be treated even if owners do not have money to pay. If pet owners or feeders can pay, the charge is \$10.00 per cat.

Collins emphasizes that euthanasia does not work because you can never catch all the cats.

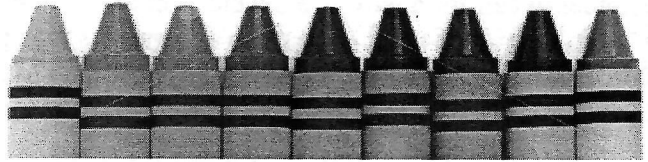
Collins concludes by saying "I am passionate about spay and neuter. I am passionate about returning feral cats to their home environments. I am passionate about the availability of low-cost services." She says, "If you need help, call me." Her number is 735-9966.

Collins also made a plea for help. "We need volunteers who will help with this project. If you cannot help with the trapping of cats, maybe you could give a donation to MPNA for this cause." Currently, the neighborhood association has re-reimbursed Collins for the cost of spaying and neutering the animals. But Collins pays much of the wellness care for the animals she picks up. Please consider lending a helping hand to this cause.

Collins gets a little teary when she talks about Rocky, one of the latest rescued cats. "Kay Woods and I bottle fed four kittens that had no mother. We were able to give away all the cats to homes, but then I missed the kitty. We paid the new owners \$25 to bring him back." Life is always bustling at the Collins house. Her heart and home are a haven for her animals. The Inn is full, so don't get any ideas about dropping off strays. "I've got all that I can care for. But I will help people who need assistance with cats."



back to School



District 7 City Councilman Justin Rodriguez and the San Antonio Public Library have teamed up to ease the back-to-school transition and to remind parents that a San Antonio Public Library card is their children's most important school supply!

August 13 and 14, elementary-school aged kids who show their San Antonio Library cards or who apply for a San Antonio Library card at one of three branch libraries will receive a backpack and starter school supplies!

Participating libraries are:

Forest Hills Branch Library
5245 Ingram Road

Maverick Branch Library
8700 Mystic Park

Memorial Branch Library
3222 Culebra Road

Join Councilman Rodriguez at Maverick Branch library at 10:00 am on August 13 to kick off Back-to-School 2010!

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Monticello Park Neighborhood Association

Beautification Application

Please complete the application below. The application is a continuing process, so it is suggested that you keep it and your supporting documents in a folder until you are ready to turn it in.

Remember that the project you choose to beautify your house and consequently the neighborhood can be something very simple or something very complicated. It is up to you.

This application is due by Saturday, November 6, 2011. It and the supporting documents can be turned in to any board member. You do not have to turn in the original receipts, work orders, contracts, etc. You may turn in photocopies, but the dates and relevant information must be visible.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

This is the

_____ first time I have submitted this project for consideration

_____ second time I have submitted this project .

I did not receive a reimbursement award for the first time it was submitted.

Please give a description of what you plan to do. If you need more lines, feel free to answer this on another sheet of paper and attach it to the application. Please write or print legibly.

Important rules on back of this page!!!!

Beautification Project Rules

You must abide by the following rules to be considered for the reimbursement award. A committee will make the final decision as to which household will receive the reimbursement award.

Your full application must be submitted to a board member by Saturday, November 6, 2010. Applications must include receipts, work orders, contracts or photocopies of the same. The MPNA will reimburse you up to \$500 for your project. If your cost is less than \$500, you will be reimbursed up to the amount of your cost.

Some store receipts do not give details of items purchased. Please list your purchases on a sheet of paper. You must turn in your receipts or copies along with this list.

The project must be able to be seen by anyone who stands on the street. Your undertaking should take place in the front of the house if you live in the middle of the block. If you live on a corner, the project can be on either the front or the side of the house or yard.

You must submit a "before" and an "after" photo of your project.

All repairs/maintenance and changes, including window repairs and landscaping, must be submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation for approval. Check with the Office of Historic Preservation before you begin any work and make sure to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness. You must submit a copy of the certificate of appropriateness as part of the application. The Office of Historic Preservation is located at 1901 South Alamo. The phone number is 215-9274.

Some types of work need a permit from the city. Check with the Office of Planning and Development before you begin any work and obtain a permit if needed. If a permit is needed from the city, you must submit a copy of the permit as part of the application. The Office of Planning and Development is located at 1901 South Alamo. The phone number is 207-1111.

If you were not awarded a reimbursement for your project the first time you applied, please ensure that you have checked the appropriate space on the application that this is your second time to apply.

TRAINING INVITATION

AWR-146 ALL HAZARDS COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND PARTNERSHIP TRAINING

Register for this course at www.prepandtx.com

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course concentrates on preparation beginning at the family level, then moves to mobilization of communities, partnership building, and establishment of goal-oriented coalitions. Course modules cover topics that include awareness, preparation, prevention, response, and recovery.

Emphasis is placed upon incorporation of existing programs (e.g. Neighborhood Watch, Citizen Corps etc.) into the overall community plan. Participants will receive training in all-hazards, terrorism and WMD, emergency management, community partnerships, and community action planning. The course will include an unfolding desktop exercise specifically designed for the host community.

This course is taught by the National Sheriff's Association.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Including, but not limited to: Private Sector Partners, Emergency Management, EMS, Fire, Government Administration, Hazmat, Health Care, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Works, and Volunteer Organizations

COST

This course is offered free of charge though attendees are responsible for their own lunch.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Describe the Comprehensive Emergency Management system, All-Hazards events, and the basic concepts and terms used in Comprehensive Emergency Management
- Describe appropriate personal and community preparations for an "All-Hazard" event that could affect their community and they will be able to prepare themselves and their families for such an event
- List resources, skills, or abilities that they can utilize to enhance the community's ability to support or assist the emergency responders during a catastrophic event
- Identify the measures and decisions to be addressed by individuals, businesses, and the community as a whole during the recovery phase of an event
- Discuss the process of building partnerships and produce action items allowing the community to identify the next steps to be taken to enhance the community's preparedness and resiliency to disaster

PREREQUISITES

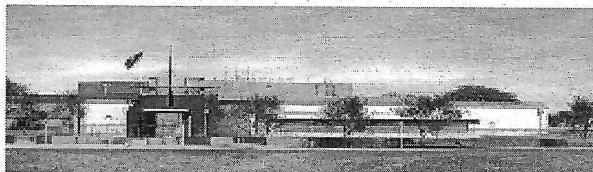
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LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Where: San Antonio Office of Emergency Management
8130 Inner Circle Drive
San Antonio, TX 78235

Date: September 28, 2010

Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (8 hrs classroom)



For More Information Contact: Mark Chadwick, Training Officer, Phone 210.206.8688
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Just a gentle reminder that NO landscaping changes or modifications to the outside of your home can be made in our historic district without the approval of the Office of Historic Preservation.



Once proposed changes are presented, a determination will be made whether or not the proposal must be presented to the Historic District Review Board.



The offices are located at 1901 S. Alamo in San Antonio, phone 215-9274.



You may contact the office on-line at ohp@sanantonio.gov.

