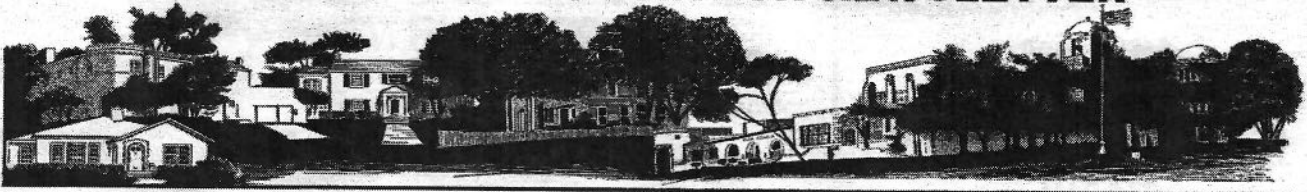


# Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



January—February 2011

Reaching 730 Homes in the Monticello Park Neighborhood

## NEXT MEETING

**MONDAY**  
January 31, 2011  
7:00 PM

Grace Presbyterian Church  
950 Donaldson Avenue

### Future Meetings:

#### General Assembly

- January 31
- March 28
- May 23
- July 25
- September 26
- November 28

#### Board Meeting

(Open to all interested)

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

- January 10
- February 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

**See Page 3 for an exciting  
new neighborhood  
CONTEST!!!!**

## MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Jan Peranteau

The Ranch Road 12 band warmed in front of the fireplace at the home of Tracy Sloan and Michele Mick on Saturday, January 15, 2011. Neighbors, friends, and musicians streamed inside the house on Donaldson, eager to hear the music and get out of the rain. Two couches and a circle of chairs surrounded the three musicians. Rows of chairs had been set up in the dining room. A jar sat on the coffee table with a suggested donation of \$15 per person. As the Monticello Neighborhood Brigade arrived, the jar was already full. In a back room, concertgoers got beer and wine and platefuls of snacks. No bells announced the beginning of the concert. Still, people took their seats and Sloan walked to the front room,

announced the group and said, "Let's get started. Janice Rogers on Bass, Elliot Rogers on guitar and Alan Munde on banjo."

Bluegrass music filled the room with "An Old Love Affair." After a song or two, Janice Elliot says, "I love doing house concerts. It's all about hanging out with friends and making music." She

has a real homey feel and the large frame of a favorite aunt. You know you'd be comfortable with her in the morning over a cup of coffee. There's another song, "Can't dry no tear drops." "He drank all night and slept all day. They cried little ol' teardrops."

Banjo player, Alan Munde, perches on his stool with baseball cap tilted slightly to one side and says, "When banjo players talk about tone—what they really mean is volume. " And away he goes with an instrumental piece that dances up and down the neck of the banjo. There is plucking that has an almost animal sound. And my, how his fingers move. Novices may not know what tune they have heard, but one thing is for sure, it is goood!



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Don't gripe about the recent grey dreary days, remember that July is just not that far away!

Our first board meeting of 2011 brought us to the conclusion that we should begin organizing more social events in the neighborhood. The most recent Home Tour let us know how involved our neighbors can be and how much fun we can all have when we meet and work together. Sagrario Mejia is our board representative to the newly formed Social Committee. She and her committee members will soon let us know what will be going on in our first party of the year.

A tentative date of February 22 has been established for the popular Candidates' Forum to be held at Jefferson High School. We will combine with several neighborhood associations to hear about all of the issues. This will be an important time to meet and greet the candidates for District 7 as well as others running for office. Look for more details in a flyer and/or email coming to you!

Our hope is that we can encourage more interest in attending General Assembly meetings and in participation in general in the activities of the neighborhood association. It seems that we always see peak interest in these meetings when trouble is brewing, but it would be very nice if we can see interest in the meetings even when things are going well. In that direction, today's issue of the newsletter contains a photo of some place in Monticello Park. Identify the location, bring your thoughts to Monday's meeting, and you could win a valuable prize! All correct answers will be placed in a drawing for the prize. So look, guess, and WIN!

After the community approval of the enormous SAISD Bond in the November election, a Bond Oversight Committee has been formed. After much ballyhoo prior to the appointments, very little has been published. Three members and an alternate were appointed to the committee on January 18. Josette Gonzales, Randy Sanchez, and Celina Pena have been appointed as members, and I have been selected as an alternate for District 7. I think you can agree that no matter what, Monticello Park has more than the lion's share of input to the Board.

Lastly, I draw your attention to several meetings coming up concerning issues in our neighborhood. We all recently received a well constructed advertising slick about the new Smart Way from Via. On the last page of this brochure was a cursory mention of the Primo program, the program name for the BRT. This is of greatest importance to MPNA since the station on the busy Fredericksburg corridor will be at the end of Mary Louise Drive. Representatives to the meetings to develop this program have the sense that we have been totally ignored. Our plan is to stay connected to ensure that our voices and desires are heard. So stay tuned, get involved, and plan to attend these meetings!

Ferne Burney  
President, MPNA

For article submission and calendar of events, please contact the editor,  
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## FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD



### WHERE AM I????

Where do you find this in the Monticello Park Neighborhood?

Figure it out, write it down, include your name on your answer sheet, and bring your answer to the General Assembly on Monday, January 31st, and you could win a prize. All correct answers will be placed in a container for a drawing should more than one person guess accurately.

### MORE TRASH TALK.....

Our featured speaker at Monday's meeting will be from the City of San Antonio and will give us an update on brush and trash pick-up and the resurfacing and upgrading of our alleyways. Bring your questions about all of these to get the straight scoop!

### MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26**  
Marlandale Civic Center  
115 West Southcross Blvd.  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
The Neighborhood Place  
3014 Rivas St  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27**  
Parkhills Baptist Church  
17747 San Pedro Ave  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
Sam Houston High School  
4635 East Houston St  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31**  
VIA Metro Center  
1021 San Pedro Ave  
1:00pm - 5:00pm

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## Studio Tour 2011

Sat., Feb. 19, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sun., Feb. 20, Noon to 5:00 pm

Self-guided tour of art studios and galleries in neighborhoods on & off Fredericksburg Road.

Organized by Bibl Haus Arts

[www.OnAndOffFred.org](http://www.OnAndOffFred.org)

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**2011 ON & OFF FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR**  
**A 2-day self-guided tour of artists' studios in neighborhoods along historic**  
**Fredericksburg Road in San Antonio, Texas**  
**Sat., Feb. 19, 11:00 am-6:00 pm & Sun., Feb. 20, noon-5pm**

The magical **4th Annual ON & OFF FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR** is set to take place the weekend of Feb. 19 & 20, 2011. Located around San Antonio's famed **Deco District**, along a section of the celebrated **Old Spanish Trail Auto Highway**, the event features two full days of leisurely self-guided tours that offer visitors the rare opportunity to interact with area artists in their studios. From reclaimed former neighborhood grocery stores to intimate backyard sanctuaries, the studios on the tour provide the environments in which artists create diverse art works, such as large-scale ceramic sculptures, metal works, one-of-a-kind light fixtures, art photography, and a variety of paintings in various styles. Each door opens a fascinating and enchanting world of creativity and the opportunities to purchase art are all part of the **ON & OFF FRED** experience.

More than 70 artists who live and work in the 7 target neighborhoods will participate in the **2011 ON & OFF FRED TOUR**, including Monticello Park resident artists **David Alcantar (Furr)**, **Norman René Avila (Club)**, **Edith Cuellar (North)**, **Le Green Schubert (Furr)**, **David Guerrero (North)**, **María Guerrero (North)**, **Eric Lane (Quentin)**, **Olimpia Perez (North)**, and **David S. Rubin (Quentin)**, plus **Bihl Haus Arts**. They will open their studios to the public from **11 am to 6 pm on Saturday, February 19, and noon to 5 pm on Sunday, February 20, 2011.**

Each neighborhood, described in illustrated essays in the catalog, is featured on the tour this year: historic Monticello Park, stately Jefferson, peaceful Woodlawn Lake, quaint Los Angeles Heights, eclectic Keystone, charming Beacon Hill, and delightful Alta Vista. Visiting the tour website— [www.onandofffred.org](http://www.onandofffred.org) —provides the visitor with advance tour information and images of each artist's work.

The tour weekend kicks off **Friday evening, February 18, 6:00-9:00 pm**, with the not-to-be-missed **ON & OFF FRED AUTOGRAPH PARTY and Reception** at **Bihl Haus Arts, 2803 Fredericksburg Road**, in the Monticello Park neighborhood. On exhibit will be works by each of the studio tour participating artists who will be on hand to autograph copies of the tour catalog. Lavish hors d'oeuvres, libations, live jazz by Johnny P. & the Wiseguys, and the opportunity to mingle with artists, event sponsors, and community leaders fill the evening.

The 2011 tour also includes two NEW evening events:

- **Saturday, Feb. 19, 6:30-10:30 pm: ON & OFF FRED IN THE PARK** takes place at **Liz Davies Green Space**, in the 800 block of Fredericksburg Road @ Michigan. This neighborhood party, co-sponsored by Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association and Bihl Haus Arts, features music by South Texas Jazz, art videos by area artists, and food by area vendors, including world-famous brisket tacos by Garcia's Restaurant, and menudo and tamales by Martínez Barbacoa.

**Sunday, Feb. 20, 5:30-8:30 pm: SAY GOODNIGHT, FRED**, the closing reception, takes place at **Long Hall Gallery, 618 W. Craig**, in the Alta Vista Neighborhood.

Admission for two to all events is free with the purchase of the **ON & OFF FRED CATALOG** (\$10 advance/\$15 during the tour). **The full-color, 112-page catalog featuring the color-coded tour map** may be purchased in advance beginning Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at Artwerx Alley (1717 Blanco/210.320.5585), Big Grass (637 Hildebrand/210.735.7999), Optical Headquarters (1710 Fredericksburg Road/210.735.3507) and Vee's Hair & Spa (1022 Donaldson/201.733.7131). The catalog will also be available during the tour at Bihl Haus Arts (2803 Fredericksburg Rd./201.383.9723).

The **ON & OFF FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR** is made possible with the support of the City of San Antonio Office of Cultural Affairs and City Council Districts 1 and 7. The tour is organized by area artists and Bihl Haus Arts ([www.bihlhausarts.org](http://www.bihlhausarts.org)), which is located at Primrose at Monticello Park Apartments, *the only non-profit professional art gallery on the premises of senior affordable housing in the U.S.* The gallery is also supported by The Potashnik Family Foundation and Primrose. For more information, 210.383.9723, or [information@bihlhausarts.org](mailto:information@bihlhausarts.org)

*The Mission of the On and Off Fredericksburg Rd. Studio Tour is to promote the work of diverse visual and cultural artists in the area, enhance the appreciation for the arts in the community, and stimulate neighborhood revitalization.*

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

**January 30** Opera Festival  
Majestic Theater

**February 2** VIA Meeting  
3014 Rivas Street  
6:00 pm

**February 2** Brush Waste Management Meeting  
Great Northwest Library  
9050 Wellwood , 6:30 pm

**February 3** VIA Meeting  
San Houston High School, 4635 E. Houston St.  
6:00 pm

**February 3-20** Stock Show and Rodeo  
AT&T Center

**February 4-6** The Marriage of Figaro  
SA Opera, Municipal Auditorium

**February 7** Brush Waste Management Meeting  
Forest Hills Library, 5246 Ingram Road  
6:30 pm

**February 12** Valentine Luncheon and Style Show  
San Antonio Country Club

**February 12** Chocolate Day  
San Antonio Botanical Garden

**February 19** The Vienna Boys' Choir  
Lila Cockrell Theater

**February 19—20** On and Off Fredericksburg Road  
Studio Tour

**February 20** Youth Orchestra of San Antonio  
Jefferson High School

**February 26** Diploma Dash, 5K Race and Walk  
UTSA Main Campus/Convocation Center

**February 26** Basura Bash  
Woodlawn Lake

**March 15** Great Expectations Gala  
Omni Colonnade

**March 26** Olives Ole, Int'l Olive Festival  
SA Botanical Garden

**April 2** "Chair-ity" Event  
JW Marriott Hill Country Resort

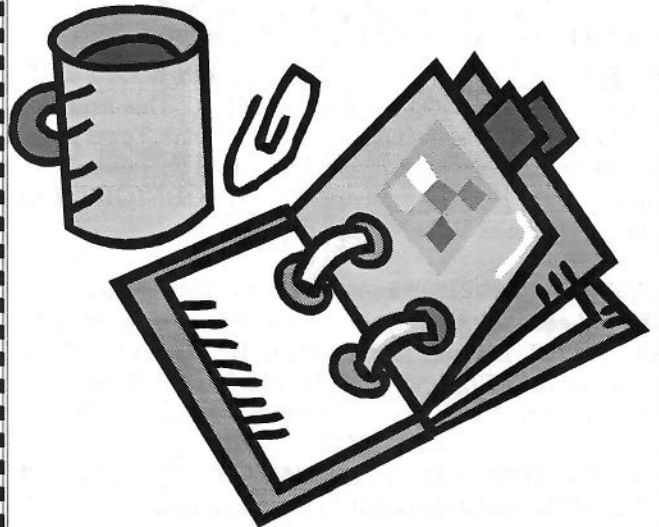
**April 2—3** Starving Artist Show  
La Villita

**April 7—17** Fiesta San Antonio

**April 7—8** Fiesta Flower Show  
The Woman's Club of San Antonio

**April 13** Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon  
The Woman's Club of San Antonio,  
Marriott Rivercenter

**May 7** MPNA Garage Sale  
Monticello Park



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The next tune is an old Gospel song, "I'm a Pilgrim and a Stranger." The words haunt. "I'm a pilgrim and a stranger traveling through this wearisome land. I got a home in this yonder city and it's not made by man's hands." The banjo ripples notes up and down the frets. More songs played were, "Back to the Bar Room" by Merle Haggard, "Pike County Breakdown" by Earl Scruggs and Bill Monroe. Munde says, "Originally, there are only two chords in this piece but I can only guess how many there might be tonight." He smiles and looks at the bass and guitar player. This piece is truly amazing with jazz-like improvisations. More tunes, and the concert ended with "Barnyard Banter", and a "Half a Mile of Freight Train".

Munde closes with these words, "Our music filled the room and we got up to make room for it."

After the concert people milled around and drank and ate. Musicians in the audience brought forth their instruments and the back room became a jam session for all who wanted to join.

Sloan gets out her banjo and joins the jammers while Mick stands by visiting with friends. Sloan said later that they got interested in Bluegrass in the 90's. They attended the Old Settlers' Music Festival in Dripping Springs. Mick also said, "You really can learn music more easily now. It's on the Internet and she gets out her I-Phone and pulls up the site Homespum.com. Sloan says, "I started taking lessons eight or nine years ago, but on and off." She flatly states, "I want to bring bluegrass to San Antonio."

When asked how they got this group, Sloan said, "We put out an e-mail to music groups and asked who would be interested in playing in our home. We got many responses." They also contacted music friends such as Hank Harrison who does a bluegrass radio show, the Hillbilly Hit Parade(KSYM, 90.1 FM) and also is a member of the Tennessee Valley Authority, a local bluegrass band. Sloan says he contacted others. Word got out about the concert!

When asked about other concerts they have hosted, Sloan said, "This is our second concert, but we hope to have more in the future." When asked if they would they be willing to get a concert together this summer, they did not hesitate to say yes. So MPNA, get ready for some fun and frolic this summer! Get those instruments out and practice and let's have our own music festival.



*Any wonder why Laddie Place drainage project is located where it is? This aerial photo is from 1955, before the shopping center was established. That water had to go somewhere!*



*The roomy house was cozy for the crowd on a rainy night.*





**Christmas tree recycling program has started!!**

San Antonio residents are asked to take part in a holiday "treedition" by recycling their fresh cut Christmas trees at one of the twenty-one drop-off locations across the city.

Residents may recycle their Christmas tree through the end of the month at the Bitters Brush Recycling Center, 1800 Bitters Road, during regular business hours.

Below are guidelines to help residents prepare their Christmas tree for recycling:

- Strip off all decorations, nails, and stands
- Trees longer than six feet should be cut in half
- Do not wrap tree in plastic
- Flocked trees will be accepted
- All trees collected will be shredded into mulch which will be available on site on a first come, first served basis. Residents will also be asked to load their own mulch.

For more information on Christmas tree recycling, call 3-1-1 or visit [www.sanantonio.gov/swmd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/swmd).

**Solid Waste Management Department  
Brush Program Changes**

Below is a list of a few of the Brush Community Meetings scheduled for or near District 7 in 2011:

Great Northwest Library  
9050 Wellwood  
February 2, 2011  
6:30 pm—7:30 pm

Forest Hills Library  
5246 Ingram Road  
February 7, 2011  
6:30 pm — 7:30 pm

**BASURA BASH HQ's AT PARK  
February 26th is the Day**

*Ashley Hernandez, Woodlawn Lake Tributary Leader*

Basura Bash 2011 is on Saturday, February 26th. This is the annual clean up of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. It is the third year that the event has included Woodlawn Lake.

Last year, 2,825 volunteers pitched in throughout the City, with 400 showing up at our local park. In all, over 42 tons of trash, 3.7 tons of recyclable material, and 250 tires were collected. Because of the River Improvements Project construction, Basura Bash will not be headquartered at Mission County Park as before, but will move to Woodlawn Lake Park. That should give our local efforts a lot more focus.

Last year, I truly could not have had a successful Basura Bash without the support of several WLCA members: Justin Rodriguez, Cris Medina, Anita Valencia, Alejandro & Ester Soto, Richard & Mary Lou Reyna, Andres Perez, Marisa Bono, Cathy & Andy Fernandez, and George & Pam Martinez. I am looking forward to another great turnout to clean up the banks of our lake and its intake channel.

Sign-in is from 8 to 9 am at the Island House on the day of the event. There will be a complimentary lunch at the pavilion from noon to 1 pm following the clean-up. The clean-up itself is from 9 am to noon. Volunteers will receive a drawstring bag as a token of appreciation. Food for the lunch will be prepared at The Salvation Army, so I will need help with delivery. Lunch will most likely include hotdogs, chips, and some kind of fruit, as last year, with all of it being donated by HEB.

You can register at the event or beforehand by calling 210-858-8520 or online at [www.basurabash.org](http://www.basurabash.org). If needed, you can receive up to 4 hours of community service. A certificate for documentation will be given out during lunch. Bags, tools, and other equipment will be furnished, but please dress appropriately for the type of work to be done.

I hope to see you there.



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## **New Year Brings Changes to City's Bagged Leaves Collection Program**

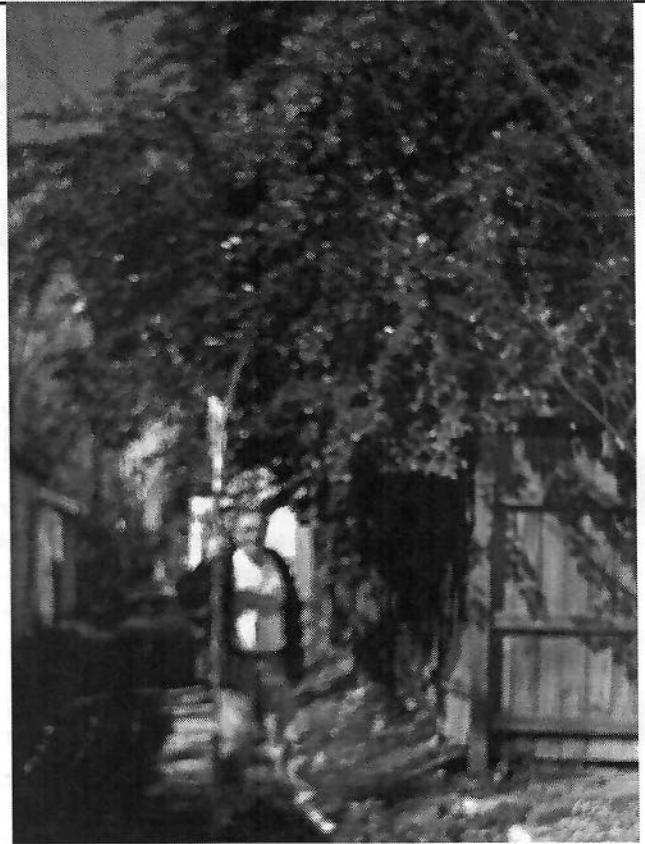


It's a new year and times are a-changing' when it comes to the City's bagged leaves collection program. Residential customers are still eligible to receive two free collections of grass clippings and leaves per fiscal year up to fifty bags, but now residents are required to use paper bags or cardboard boxes for those collections. The City will no longer pick up grass clippings or leaves placed in plastic bags.

Residents are encouraged to use two-ply paper lawn and leaf bags that can be purchased from local retailers. If residents prefer to use cardboard boxes, they must be made of brown bio-degradable cardboard. Total material collected may not exceed eight cubic yards and each individual paper bag or cardboard must not weigh more than 40 pounds. All paper bags and cardboard boxes must also be securely closed, have a wet strength of 40 pounds, be resistant to breakage when lifted and must be able to be easily lifted or handled by a single individual.

Usage of the paper bags and cardboard boxes will allow the Solid Waster Management Department to recycle all of the items instead of having to throw away plastic bags. As the department continues to work toward a 60 percent recycling rate by 2020, this change will help the City get one step closer to that goal.

For more information on the changes to the bagged leaves collection program, visit [www.sanantonio.gov/swmd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/swmd).



## **WHAT A CUT-UP!!!!!!**

While the quality of this photo may make you think that we spotted Big Foot in alleyway, you should relax. This was just Wayne Ehrisman, intrepid defoliator, getting ready to trim his trees.

What Dr. Ehrisman and others on the 400 block of Mary Louise and Furr Drive discovered was that their alleyway has been closed. The problem in the alley was from overgrowth of trees and shrubs and a pot hole created by the city garbage trucks.

Neighbors were alerted of this problem so that they could attend to it. All trees and shrubs must allow a clearance even with the fence-line and up to 11 feet above the alleyway. The city has already marked the pot holes and are in the process of repairing them, but all neighbors who have an alley for garbage pick-up are reminded that the plants must be kept clear.

## Protect your pet from the chilly touch of winter

*Animal Care Services offers tips for keeping pets safe during the colder months*

With possible freezing temperatures on the way, please take the time to take steps to protect your four legged family members from the cold, wet weather San Antonio winters often bring. With a few simple precautions you can ensure your pets stay happy and healthy throughout the colder months of the year.

- \* The best way to protect your pets during frosty weather? Bring them inside! Pets (especially cats) are safer indoors. Can't have your pet inside the house? Purchase an insulated dog house or build a Protective enclosure that shields your pet from the elements and gives them a safe, warm place to rest. Certain pets are more vulnerable to cold temperatures than others. Shorthaired dogs, very young or old dogs and all cats should not be left outside during winter months. Shorthaired dogs may benefit from a sweater while outside.
- \* Pets who spend much of their day outdoors will need some extra food as it gets colder. That's because they use up more energy trying to stay warm. A few extra kibbles probably won't hurt but make sure your pet is getting daily exercise if they're prone to weight gain.
- \* Always provide fresh, clean water regardless of the season. Check water daily and clean bowls regularly to prevent algae growth.
- \* Be mindful of your pets while winterizing your car. Antifreeze is deadly to pets who are attracted to its sweet taste. Store all chemicals out of reach especially if you're going to bring your pets into the garage on cold nights.
- \* Before heading out to warm up the car, bang on the hood a time or two. A warm engine can be a welcome spot for a cold cat and the noise should scare them away before you start the engine.

The City of San Antonio has laws that protect pets from neglect including exposure to harsh weather conditions. Residents can report possible animal ordinance violations by calling the City's 3-1-1 Customer Service line.



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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](mailto:ohp@sanantonio.gov).



## BANDIT & HOME SIGNS

These are some City Code regulations (paraphrased) concerning signage. The Code section from which taken is noted:

A bandit sign is any sign posted on a utility pole, street sign, or other street fixture, or a sign posted in the public right of way without a City permit (§28-6).

They are considered abandoned trash when posted and may be removed and discarded without notice. You can remove someone else's bandit sign or other sign in the City right of way at your own risk (§28-153 a&b).

You cannot place or sponsor a sign on any public property or right of way (§§28-9&243) You cannot place a sign on another's private property without the owner's or owner's agent's permission (§28-10).

These provisions include political signs.

The only sign you can place at your home is one attached, nonilluminated nameplate identifying a home occupation or bed and breakfast establishment not to exceed one square foot in sign area (§28-240)

This does not pertain to current political campaign or certain real estate signs.

The MPNA has long supported the efforts of the HDRC to maintain the beauty and historic character of Monticello Park.

Neighbors have attended zoning meetings, HDRC hearings, and TABC meetings to ensure that the quality of life in our area is maintained. Now, your hard work may pay off. See the article marked "TAXES?????" to see if you might qualify for tax incentives by improving your historic home.

Visit the HDRC website, search for "tax incentives" for more complete information.

## TAXES?????

**The City of San Antonio's Office of Historic Preservation reviews exterior modifications to properties that are individual historic landmarks or are located within a historic district. The Office serves as advisory staff to the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC), which meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.**

A primary responsibility of the Office is to protect San Antonio's unique historic resources by administering the City's Unified Development Code historic preservation and design provision. The Office also provides incentives to encourage preservation, including City ad valorem (property) tax exemptions for "substantial rehabilitations of historic buildings in need of repair" and for owner-occupied residences within new historic districts:

### **Substantial Rehabilitation for Residential Properties:**

After substantial rehabilitation of a historic property, property owners may choose one of two tax incentives:

1) City property taxes are frozen at the assessed value prior to the improvements for ten (10) years. The amount of City property taxes owed is determined by the assessed value prior to the improvements and is frozen at that level for ten (10) years.

2) No City property taxes are owed for the first five (5) years. For the next five (5) years, City property taxes are assessed at a value that is 50% of the post-rehabilitation assessed value. *The property tax exemption remains with the property regardless of a change in ownership.*

### **Long-Time Resident Extension:**

An additional five (5) year extension is available for those receiving the 20% exemption for new historic districts that have remained in the same house for the entire 10-year period of the exemption, for a maximum of fifteen (15) years. The exemption and extension are only effective for as long as the property owner is living at the address for which the exemption is given.

# **Monticello Park Neighborhood Association Beautification Application**

Please complete the application below. The application is an 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 June 4, 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 am submitting this project. I did not receive a reimbursement award for it 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.

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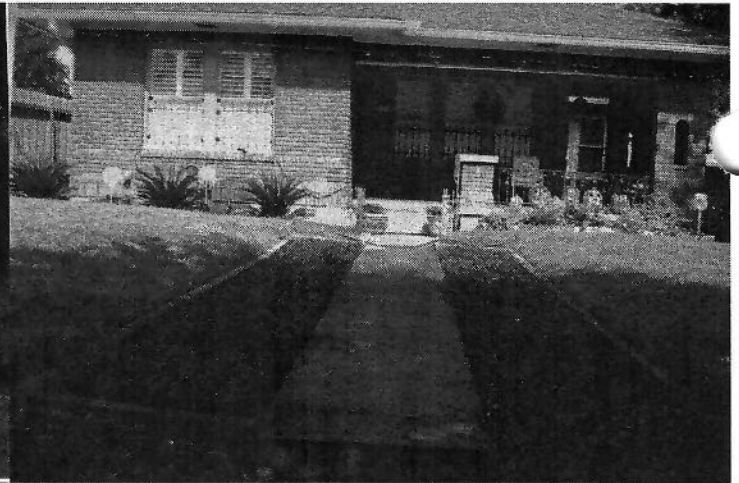
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**You must abide by the following rules to be considered for the reimbursement award. A committee will make the final decision as to which household will receive the reimbursement award.**

1. Your full application must be submitted to a board member by Saturday, June 4, 2011.
2. Applications must include receipts, work orders, contracts or photocopies of the same. The Monticello Park Neighborhood Association 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.
3. Some store receipts do not give details as to what was purchased. Please list your purchases on a sheet of paper. You must still turn in your receipts, or copies, along with this list.
4. 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.
5. You must submit a "before" and an "after" picture of your project.
6. 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.
7. There are certain types of work that may need a permit from the city. Check with the Office of Planning and Development before you begin any work and obtain a permit if one is 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.
8. If you were not awarded a reimbursement for your project the first time, and this is the second time you are submitting this application, please make sure that you checked the appropriate space above.



Congratulations to the Garcia Family and the Lodek Family! Each family was awarded \$500 by the Beatification Committee.

The Garcias changed the landscaping in their front yard. They took out the lantana and sage bushes that lined their sidewalk (top, left) and replaced them with jasmine ground cover (top, right). Their front yard is now more open. They had a great looking yard before they changed the landscaping. Now, it is still great looking, but more to their liking.

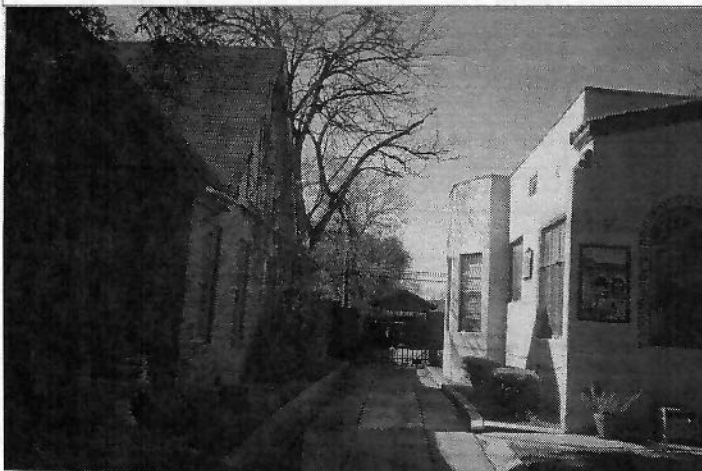
The Lodeks made an improvement to their iron gate, on the side of their house, that leads to their garage which is in their backyard. They replaced warped, old wood that connected to the gate (bottom, left) with iron that matched the gate itself (bottom, right). The improvement is not only ecstatically pleasing, but it helps the function of the gate.

Both families will receive their awards at the next general assembly meeting.

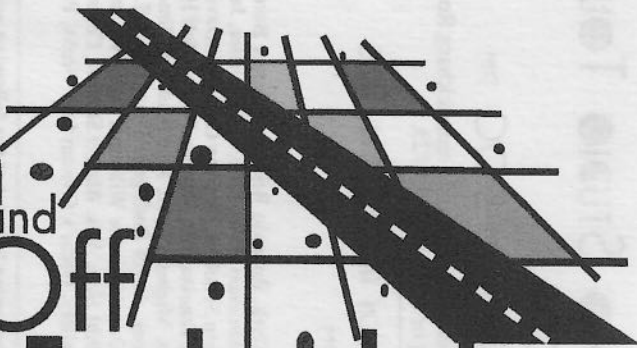
The neighbors of Monticello Park know that upkeep and beautification of our properties are never-ending adventures. Once again, the MPNA will be awarding a minimum of TWO awards to neighbors for upgrading their homes, beautifying the parts that are visible from the street. We have funds set aside for these awards, and the Jefferson Woodlawn Lake Community Development Association has given the MPNA additional funds to award to participants.

Remember, anyone can apply for the awards. Please follow the application guidelines. The committee has worked hard to make it as easy of an application as possible.. There is an application in this issue of the newsletter. The next deadline for the beautification application is June 4, 2011. Start planning your project now!

The application form can be found on page 14. and 15. Any questions can be directed to board member, Ron Hubbert, chairman of the Beautification Committee. Please follow all of the instructions carefully, take lots of pictures, and good luck!







On  
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**Fredericksburg  
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**Studio Tour**

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# ON AND OFF FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR

• SATURDAY, FEB. 19, 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

• SUNDAY, FEB. 20, NOON TO 5:00 PM

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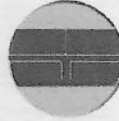
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Purchase of the catalog (\$10) includes free admission for 2 to all events. Catalog available beginning Feb. 1st at the following area locations, please call for hours: Artwerx Alley (1717 Blanco Road/210.320.5585), Big Grass (637 W. Hildebrand Avenue/210.735.7999), Optical Headquarters (1710 Frederickburg Road/210.735.3507), and Vee's Hair and Spa (1022 Donaldson Avenue/210.733.7131)

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