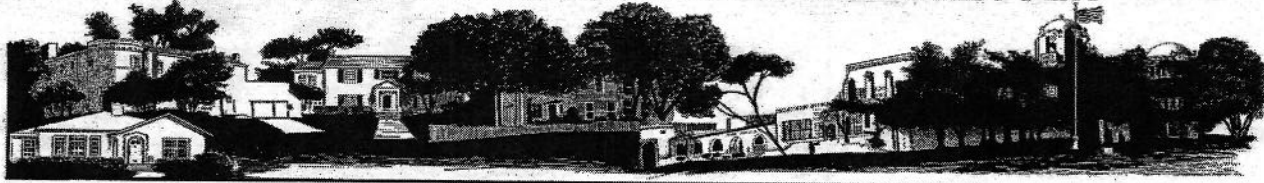


# Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



July — August 2011

Reaching 730 Homes in the Monticello Park Neighborhood

## NEXT MEETING

**MONDAY**  
July 25, 2011  
7:00 PM

Grace Presbyterian Church  
950 Donaldson Avenue

## CROOKS, CATS, AND CURS

At Monticello Park!!

Monday's meeting will feature two convicted burglars who will help us know what the criminals are looking for in targeting our property. Our SAAFE officer has coordinated this program with probationers who are serving time for their crimes. Let's not shun, let's learn....they are willing to help us.

We will also have a great deal of information concerning the stray animals in Monticello Park and what is being done about it.

**DON'T MISS IT!!!!**

## MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by  
**Jan Peranteau**

Jacob Valenzuela and Kedrick Green set out on a trip last summer to Cabo San Lucas. Relaxing on the beach there allowed time to plan and dream about owning a business. "I had always wanted to own my own business," Valenzuela said. "Kedrick had been in food service for eight years."

Both men had attended St. Mary's University. After the university experience, life took them in different directions. Green had worked with the New Orleans Saints. He came back to San Antonio after Hurricane Katrina and has been here ever since working in a marketing job within the medical field. Valenzuela had been with USAA in a management position for 18 years.

Both men wanted a change. Valenzuela had grown up in this neighborhood. He attended Horace Mann Middle School and Thomas Jefferson High School. Green and Valenzuela were already partners emotionally and now the opportunity came to become business partners.



*Kedrick Green (left) and Jacob Valenzuela bring a little "café society" to Monticello Park.*

On January 23, 2011 a lease was signed and 60 days later, on April 1, 2011, the Deco Pizzeria at 1815 Fredericksburg Road opened for business. "We put in landscaping, lighting, tile work, and new furniture with a deco motif." "Friends, aunts, uncles, cousins, Kedrick's parents, and my family all came to help."

Employees were hired mostly from those living within a two-mile radius of the place. Work schedules were developed. Nightly entertainment plans featured local talent. Valenzuela and Green rounded up entertainment for Tuesday through Friday nights.

Tuesday-Comedy Night

Wednesday-Brother Dave Rodriguez

Thursday-Soul Sessions

Friday-Flamingo Dancing

Valenzuela said, "Tommy Calvert connected us with Soul Sessions. He also gave us a tour of his recording studios."

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On May 31, shortly after our last general assembly, I had the privilege of attending the **Monticello Art and Jazz Showcase**. The beautifully preserved halls of Thomas Jefferson High School were decorated with the talent of middle and high school students in the form of paintings, sculptures, and fabric creations. I entered the auditorium and was awed by the beauty of the place. The Longfellow Middle School jazz band was already on the stage, warming up. I braced myself for what I thought would come...I have been to kids' concerts before....OY! The sound that emerged from this group was nothing short of astonishing. The alto sax player, Brandon Castillo, needed a venue on the Riverwalk; he was just that good. The middle school band was followed by a performance by the Jefferson High School jazz orchestra under the direction of Monticellian Jonathan Mireles. We have heard this group before as they volunteered to perform during the garage sales held by the MPNA. They are a wonderfully talented bunch!

It further confirmed my commitment to encourage and support the high school on the west side of Monticello Park. What a gem we have in our midst, and what a wonderful program has been developed for these great kids! Let's all support them in every way we can.

So much has been happening this summer in our neighborhood! We pulled off another successful 4th of July Children's Parade. Thanks to Bianca Maldonado for once again securing funds for the decorations for the 200+ kids who braved the heat and joined the parade. Thanks also to Jefferson NA for once again participating with us in this enjoyable event. We made both the broadcast news and the newspaper this year since the media wanted to know how the lack of fireworks was going to effect the party. No change was seen from our vantage point of a ton of children having a ball.

The board of directors has been active this summer also as the HDRC has worked to form a Historic District committee to work with them and to work separately on issues that matter to all of us. We have also attended the HDRC meeting at which VIA submitted a plan for the station to be located at the corner of Mary Louise Drive and Fredericksburg Road. Our disappointment and objections were heard by both the HDRC and VIA. We will be working with them to modify the plans in a way that will be acceptable to all parties. We also met with the developer of a proposed carwash for the corner of Fredericksburg Road and I-10. We have joined with the Keystone NA and Jefferson NA to object to many reasons that this is not the type of business for that corner. We will be represented at the August City Council meeting where this will be discussed. We don't want the pink and purple polka-dot bar back, but let's find a happy medium!

Rob Sipes and I attended the mayor's SA2020 neighborhood workshop in June. We gained a great deal of insight on strengthening our associations and getting involved in the future of our neighborhood and the city. We plan to stay connected to this valuable resource.

Check out the interesting articles in this month's newsletter. Just this morning, after reading Sarah's article on the parrots, I spotted six of them flying from my big oak tree. Who knew?

AND, most importantly, please plan to attend Monday's General Assembly. With the help of our SAAFE officers, we are planning a most informative session which should help us keep our homes safe and our belongings in our possession. Don't miss it!

Ferne Burney  
President, MPNA

For article submission and calendar of events, please contact the editor, Ferne Burney, 734-2445 ferneburney@hotmail.com

## FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD



### WHERE AM I????

Where do you find this in the Monticello Park Neighborhood? Be a correct guesser, attend the General Assembly on Monday night, and you could win a valuable prize! All answers will be placed into a hat and the first one drawn with the correct answer will be the prize winner!

**Tony Sanchez** correctly identified the front door of the Mireles' beautiful home at the May meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking:	\$ 4426.62		
Savings:	\$ 3862.83		
CD:	\$ 11329.70	Total Treasury:	\$ 19619.15

### 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 2011 contribution.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would also like to help on the following committees:

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

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**Project Cool fan drive helping seniors beat summer heat**

Fans will be distributed to eligible seniors in San Antonio and Bexar County. Seniors in need of a fan for their home can call the United Way's 2-1-1 helpline to request a free fan. Eligible recipients must be at least 60 years of age and demonstrate need. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Checks may be made payable to "Project Cool c/o Catholic Charities" and mailed/delivered to 202 W. French Place, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Since its inception, Project Cool has collected and distributed nearly 72,000 box fans to senior residents throughout the community. Last year alone, over 7,800 San Antonio/Bexar County seniors received fans through Project Cool's outreach.

Major sponsors and donors for this summer's Project Cool program include the WellMed Charitable Foundation, CPS Energy, Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, H B Zachry Company, and KENS-5 TV.

For more information on Project Cool, please visit [Community Initiatives' website](#).

The City of San Antonio has joined Catholic Charities and community partners in calling on all citizens to help their senior neighbors avoid heat-related health/mortality risks this summer by donating electric box fans to this year's Project Cool fan drive and fan distribution program. The program is scheduled to last from June 6 through September 16 of this year.

Residents and groups are encouraged to donate new 20-inch electric box fans by dropping them off at any nearby San Antonio Fire Station (excluding the Airport Station).

**HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

District 7 Council Office.....	207-7044
Code Compliance .....	311
Animal Control.....	311
SAWS.....	724-7097
CPS.....	353-2222
Officer Vidal.....	218-6546
SAPD — West Substation.....	207-7420
SAISD Police.....	271-3124
VIA Transit.....	362-2019
SAISD Truancy Office.....	223-2360

**SAVE THE DATE FOR....**

**MPNA Graffiti Wipe Out**

**Saturday, Oct. 1st, 2011**

**8:30 am - 11:30 am**

**Meet at Monticello Park Gazebo**

**Breakfast provided from 8:30 - 9:00 AM at the Gazebo**

**Volunteers to paint and/or transport of volunteers needed to specific painting areas. Student will receive community service credit**

**For more information and to volunteer, please call:**

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## ***Polly Wanna Cracker?***

**by Sarah Rice**

Seriously, I'm dying to know what Polly wants because I'd love to entice her to frequent my yard. I kid you not when I tell you the realtor used the Monticello Park parrots, among other attractions, to lure my husband into the neighborhood. After all, how many San Antonio neighborhoods can boast feral parrots flying and frolicking amidst their foliage?

Yes, you and I are lucky enough to live in a neighborhood that beautiful, green-bodied Nanday and Mitred Conures squawkingly call home. I couldn't find many details on how long they've been in the area, but they've been around long enough to have their own group page on facebook called "Wild Parrots of San Antonio." Check it out to join in the parrot conversation. It's complete with pictures and video footage of the parrots enjoying an undomesticated lifestyle.

Facebook viewing is convenient, but there's nothing like seeing these feathered residents up close and personal. While the conures evaded my novice birding eyes for a long time, I did become adept at identifying their squawk early on. This was fairly easy as it's among the loudest of any bird in this neck of the woods -- on par with our local bluejays. You will probably hear their scream first and then follow the direction of the sound to locate them. Their mostly green bodies so perfectly blend with tree leaves that it's difficult to spot them otherwise - especially since they tend to like to perch in the upper limbs of very tall trees. I've noticed they travel in pairs and that the neighborhood pecan trees seem to be a favorite daytime hang out, particularly around the 200 block of Club Drive. However, I've been told they rest in palm tree holes and cavities at night. Look for the circular holes near the tops of these trees.

The Nanday Conure Parrot is of the genus *Nandayus* and is occasionally called the Black-hooded Parakeet due to its cap of black feathers on the top of the head. The mature Nanday is about eleven to twelve inches in length and weighs a little over five ounces. It has a blue chest and bluish green flight feathers with a little ringlet of bright red feathers circling each thigh. (nandayconures.com)

The Mitred Conure is of the genus *Aratinga* and is also known as the Red-headed Conure, or Mitred Parakeet. The Mitred is a little longer than the Nanday Conure, with a total length of 13 to 15 inches. Mature Mitreds are mostly green with varying amounts of red on the face and thighs. They may also have red feathers scattered on their hindneck, mantle, throat and thighs. (avianweb.com)



*Irene Saucedo, second from right, is awarded the MPNA Scholarship at the May General Assembly. She is surrounded by scholarship committee members, from left, Sandee Gibson, Ron Hubbert (chairman), and Frank Ramirez. Congratulations, Irene!!*

I was elated when I captured the picture of the Nanday Conure on our bird feeder almost two months ago. Since then, I'm constantly peering out the windows as I move through our home with the hope I'll glimpse one of my feathered friends. I can't help it -- I'm enamored with these pretty Pollys. Just this Sunday, there were three Nandays and two Mitreds squawking up a storm in the pecan trees outside our bedroom. Maybe it's time I officially became one of their facebook fans...

Happy bird watching!



*One of our famous neighborhood parrots stops for a little bird chow during our dry weather*

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

**Now—August 8**                      **Balcones Heights  
Jazz Festival  
Wonderland of the Americas**

**July 28**                                **Concert Under the Stars  
SA Botanical Gardens**

**August 5**                                **First Friday  
Southtown and Beethoven Maennerchor**

**August 20-27**                                **Culinaria  
Throughout San Antonio**

**August 24**                                **Rudy's Bar-B-Q Pigskin Preview  
Alamodome**

**August 26**                                **MPNA Social  
340 Mary Louise Drive**

**All of September**                                **Fotoseptiembre**

**September 2**                                **First Friday  
Southtown and Beethoven Maennerchor**

**September 7—8**                                **Taste of the River Walk**

**September 9=11 and 16**                                **Dies y Sies Events**

**September 17**                                **Free to Soar Gala  
Morgan's Wonderland**

**September 27**                                **Any Baby Can Style Show  
Pearl Stable**

**October 1**                                **Graffiti Wipe Out, MPNA  
Monticello Park Gazebo**

**October 4**                                **National Night Out  
Monticello Park**

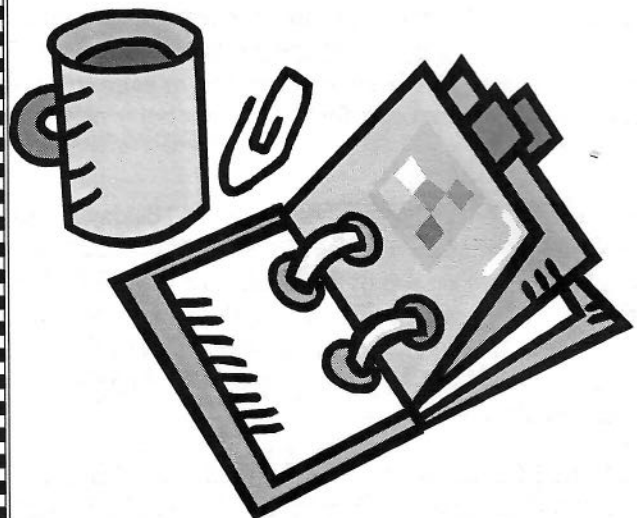
**October 7,8 and 14,15**                                **Oktoberfest  
Beethoven Maennerchor**

**October 8**                                **NAMI Walk  
Brackenridge Park**

**October 14**                                **Andy Mireles Charitable  
Golf Tournament and Dinner  
Hyatt Hill Country Resort**

**October 15**                                **Gardens by Moonlight  
SA Botanical Garden**

**October 23**                                **SA Founders Celebration  
Alamo Plaza**



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When asked about the strengths of the restaurant Valenzuela said, "We live, breathe, and shop in the neighborhood. We know many people in the neighborhood. We offer a unique dining experience. It's not just the food; it is music, the look and feel of the place. He added, "It is a place where diverse cultures come together."

About that time a large group of people arrived from the Westside Chamber of Commerce. "Last week we had a group from University of Texas at El Paso. Tonight we have a group from St. Mary's Young Alumni Association, There are always people from USAA here." It is true that the crowd is multi-dimensional. A three-year-old toddles around the bar and cash register. Some seniors sit quietly in the front room reading books or working on a laptop. In the evening there is a mixture of neighborhood folk, a few hippies and even a business person or two.

Finally, the question arises of favorite items on the menu. Valenzuela says without hesitation, "My favorite pizza is the white cheese pizza with Canadian bacon, onion, tomato, and basil. We use garlic infused olive oil and two kinds of cheeses. Other people really like the Deaux Roll."

Valenzuela concludes, "Everything is good. We are pizza snobs and are very picky about our pizza."

The drink menu includes beer, wine, soft drinks, tea and water. No hard liquor is served. Judging from the cars lining the streets all around this old gas station turned pizzeria, the neighborhood has a new "Friendly Spot."



*Happy Monticellians enjoy delicious pizza and wings at the Deco Pizzeria during our June Social Event.*

## **TIMES ARE RRRRRFFFF!** **Do something about it!**

**By Carol Pfrommer**

Did you know that every month our wonderful San Antonio Humane Society hosts two behind-the-scenes tours of the shelter?

On the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the third Tuesday at 6:00 pm visitors take a one-hour Humane Highlights Tour of the intake, triage and treatment clinics, the spay-neuter surgical suite, the adoption services department—and even the laundry! You will meet the people who provide loving care and expert medical treatment for hundreds of orphaned dogs and cats each month and prepare them to meet the families that will cherish them forever. And you will learn steps you can take to help reduce San Antonio's severe stray problem.

Interested? I will be hosting a Humane Highlights Tour July 5 at noon and I'd love to have people from the neighborhood join me. If you are able to attend that day, give me a call at 733-8730, or contact the Humane Society at 226-7461 for other tour dates. The Humane Society is at 4804 Fredericksburg Road, just outside Loop 410.



## WATER, WATER, We need water!

While SAWS has ample water from diverse sources, state law requires reduced pumping when the Edwards Aquifer reaches certain levels. Our neighbors around the region follow the same law, so our actions are a cooperative effort. For more information, please see the chart below or visit the SAWS website: [Stage 2 Drought Restrictions](#)

**Stage Two Alert** begins when the Aquifer level reaches **650** feet mean sea level at the monitored well.

All restrictions from **Stage One** remain in effect, unless added to or replaced by Stage Two rules.

**Landscape watering** with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed **only once a week from 3-8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m.** on your designated watering day, as determined by your address.

**Watering with drip irrigation or 5-gallon bucket** is permitted any day, but only between 3-8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m.

**Watering with a hand-held hose** is allowed any time on any day.

**Use of fountains, waterfalls, or other aesthetic water features** - outdoors or indoors - is prohibited, unless a variance has been granted for 100 percent non-potable water use.

**All non-public swimming pools** must have a minimum of 25 percent of the surface area covered with evaporation screens when not in use. Inflatable pool toys or floating decorations may be used for this purpose.

**Washing impervious cover** such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Health and safety exceptions to this rule may be requested from SAWS in writing.

**Residential washing of vehicles** or other equipment is allowed only on assigned watering days and times. A hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle or bucket of five gallons or less may be used. Water should not be allowed to run into the street.

**The use of commercial car wash facilities** is allowed any day.

**Operators of golf courses, athletic fields and parks** must submit a conservation plan to SAWS. For requirements, contact SAWS at 704-SAVE. Golf courses, athletic fields and parks may not irrigate between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

**Hotels, motels and other lodging** must offer and clearly notify guests of a "linen/towel change on request only" program.

**And don't forget to follow these year-round rules:**

Water waste is prohibited at all times. This includes lawn watering overspray and runoff.

Restaurants may serve water only on request (to reduce dishwashing).

Charity car washes allowed only at commercial car wash facilities.

Last Digit of Street Address	Watering Day
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday

**No watering on weekends with a sprinkler, soaker hose or irrigation system. Areas without a street address, such as medians and neighborhood entryways, water on Wednesday.**

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## Community Gardens: A Growing Trend Worth Trying

by Sarah Rice



Simply put, a community garden is a geographic space that is collectively planted and managed by a group of people. The design, content, and method of management are determined by the community group. And, okay, so maybe community gardens aren't exactly a trend. It turns out this concept has been around for a *long* time. However, it wasn't until relatively recently that a number of community gardens began popping up around San Antonio. In 2008 Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas started with 10 gardens in its Community Garden Network and it now has 32 community gardens throughout San Antonio. In fact, there's one practically in your backyard.

The **Jefferson Community Garden** is located at **2350 W. Gramercy Place** behind Jefferson United

Methodist Church. And, I want you, my Monticello Park neighbor, to get involved! Why? Golly, there are plentiful reasons. Community gardens are places where you can gather with neighbors, exercise, educate children, cultivate fresh produce, grow beautiful flowers, and enjoy and preserve San Antonio's green space. Our neighborhood garden sprouted in 2009 (with Dr. Michael Soto serving as the initial garden coordinator) and is now managed by garden coordinator Sherilyn Strickland with the assistance of Jim Clink.

At the Jefferson Community Garden there are eight raised beds for two gardening methods: 1) communal plots where all the members share in all the work and all the benefits; and 2) individual plots maintained by and for the benefit of a member. Each person desiring an individual plot is asked to contribute a nominal fee to help defray costs of maintaining the garden.

The next community work day is **Saturday, September 10, from 7:30 – 10am**. We'll be completing summer garden clean up and planting for fall. We need your help and appreciate you coming for part or all of the morning. This is an ideal time to get your hands dirty in the gardens, meet your neighbors and figure out whether you are interested in participating in the communal plots or in securing your own plot.

If you are interested, want to participate or just have questions about the Jefferson Community Garden, please contact [jefferson.garden@yahoo.com](mailto:jefferson.garden@yahoo.com). To learn more about the community garden concept or about the Green Spaces Alliance Community Garden Network please visit <http://www.greensatx.org/community-gardens/community-gardens-program>.

I look forward to seeing you September 10!

*Our neighborhood "green space"*



# **CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HISTORIC OWNER OCCUPIED PROGRAM REHABILITATION LOAN**

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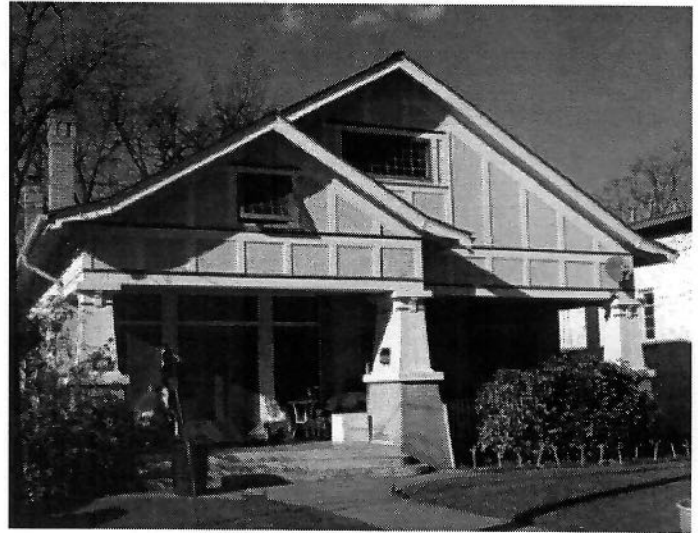
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The purpose of the program is to promote and encourage the retention, preservation, and restoration of locally designated landmarks, historic districts, and architecturally significant structures that have been identified as eligible for historic designation by assisting low to moderate income property owners with their restoration and rehabilitation projects through a combination of grants and loans. This program is not designed to assist in the everyday maintenance of historic properties, but to encourage and aid restoration and preservation efforts which might otherwise be considered economically infeasible. Funds must be used for the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties and structures as described in the following definition: "Historic Property" means any local building, structure, or site, individually landmarked or site located within a historic district.

## **REHABILITATION LOAN**

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San Antonio, Texas 78204  
210.207.5404

# PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

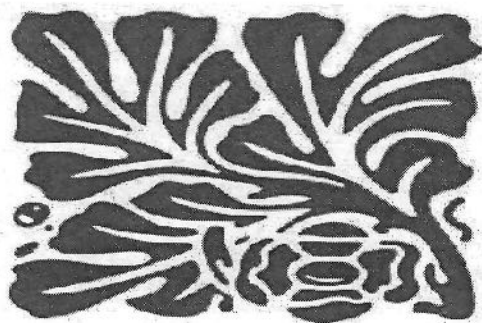
1. Property owner must have a valid picture identification (Texas Drivers License or Department of Public Safety Picture identification card).
2. Structure must be owner-occupied (no rental units).
3. Building must exhibit historic and/or architectural significance and must be designated or listed in the:
  - i. National Register of Historic Places
  - ii. State of Texas Historic Landmark Survey
  - iii. City of San Antonio Landmark
  - iv. City of San Antonio Historic District (property must be a contributing structure within the district)
4. All taxes must be current and paid.
5. Property owner must have Homestead Exemption and, (if applicable) Over 65, and Disabled Exemptions.
6. Property owner must have a Warranty Deed with clear title to the property.
7. If home is mortgaged, balance must not exceed \$8,000.
8. Property owner must have acceptable credit (no bankruptcy, judgements) or if no credit history has been established, a 12 month current payment history for utilities will be the standard with no more than one late payment in a year's time.
9. Property owner must have current property insurance or be able to provide it within 30 days prior to assistance.
10. Property owner must be a U.S. Citizen and/or Legal Resident Alien.
11. Property must be zoned residential and located within the city limits of San Antonio.

## PROGRAM INCOME LIMITS

Applicant must not exceed the Program Income Limits (Income table based on 80% of HUD published median income for San Antonio—see below):

Family of	Max/Gross
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2	\$37,000
3	\$41,650
4	\$46,350
5	\$49,950
6	\$53,650





# **GREATER TEXAS LANDSCAPE SERVICES**

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## **Effects of Severe Heat: Ideas to Keep Plants Alive June, 2011**

### **Greetings!**

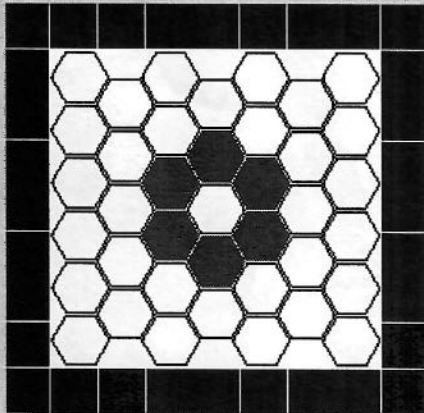
Summer temperatures are at record highs right now and irrigation water for the care of our/your landscapes is being restricted in many areas. High temperatures plus restricted water plus less than optimum irrigation systems will be causing problems in the home and commercial landscapes.

Here are a few things to remember:

1. Irrigation systems do not and will never be able to replace the effectiveness of a rain event.
2. Hand watering does not and will never be able to replace the effectiveness of irrigation.
3. The harsh winter of 2011 caused damage to plant material which may not have shown up yet. With heat and drought, there will begin to be die off of plantings (even trees).
4. Some communities have serious restrictions on irrigation system watering. One day or two days per week is all that is allowed.
5. Most irrigation systems were not designed to be extremely efficient with only 1 or 2 days per week watering.
6. Many irrigation systems were not designed for optimum coverage (see large brown areas in amongst the green areas in turf?)
7. Thin soil beneath turf will dry out much faster than deep soil. You will see areas of brown.
8. Chinch bugs flourish in turf in the heat and will kill grass 100%.
9. Mow turf at the highest possible setting on lawn mowers (to prevent as much drying of soil as possible).
10. Choose to skip weeks of mowing to allow turf to grow tall.
11. Mulch helps to retain moisture in planting beds.
12. Choose to eliminate flowers in landscapes during the summer (require much water).
13. Because night time temperatures stay high (HOT) and daytime temperatures soar, plants can never rest and recuperate. They will stay stressed until temps drop and/or it rains significantly.
14. Work to keep plants alive. They may not flourish, but strive to keep them alive.

# SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, August 27, 2011

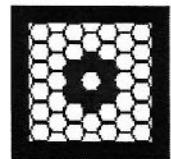


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9:30 am to 3 pm  
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HISTORIC  
HOMEOWNER  
■ FAIR ■

Join us for the Third Annual Historic Homeowner Fair  
Saturday, August 27, 9:30 am to 3 pm

**Free and open to the public**, the fair provides citizens and professionals with a unique opportunity to interact and discuss issues related to caring for older homes. **Educational sessions and a keynote address** will cover topics such as preservation and sustainability, financing rehabilitation projects, landscaping for historic properties, San Antonio's Art Deco architecture, preservation advocacy, repairing historic windows, and planning appropriate repairs and additions to historic properties. The **Exhibitors Hall** will feature products, services, and information targeted to residents interested in improving their older homes and preserving the unique character of San Antonio's urban neighborhoods. Design experts will be on hand to answer questions about your rehabilitation plans and experienced researchers will offer advice on how to uncover the history of your home. **Bring the kids!** Activities for school-age children will be hosted by the Jefferson High School Architecture students.

**If you are a business owner or building professional**, you can reach over 400 homeowners interested in improving their homes by becoming a Historic Homeowner Fair exhibitor or sponsor. Contact Amy Unger at (210) 207-1496 for space availability and reservations.

Visit the OHP website at [www.sanantonio.gov/historic](http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic) to learn more. Questions? Email [OHP@sanantonio.gov](mailto:OHP@sanantonio.gov) or call (210) 215-9274.



*The Deco Pizzeria has become a spot for neighbors to enjoy good food, good music, and friendship.  
We enjoyed the Social in June*

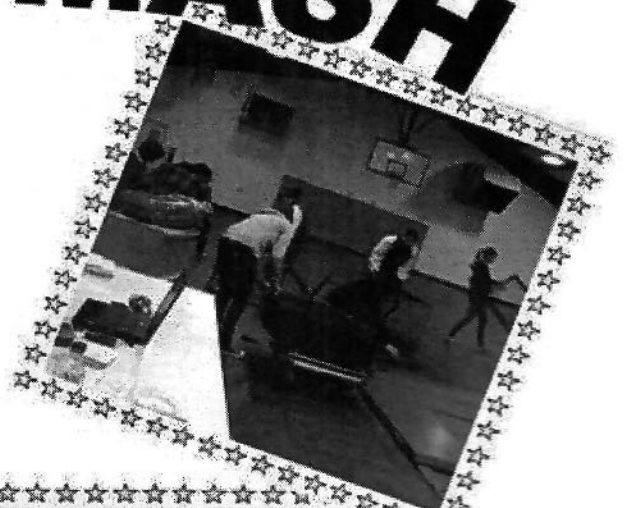
## HELP WANTED!!!

The MPNA needs a person to deliver the newsletter to the neighbors in the 400 block of Mary Louise Drive.

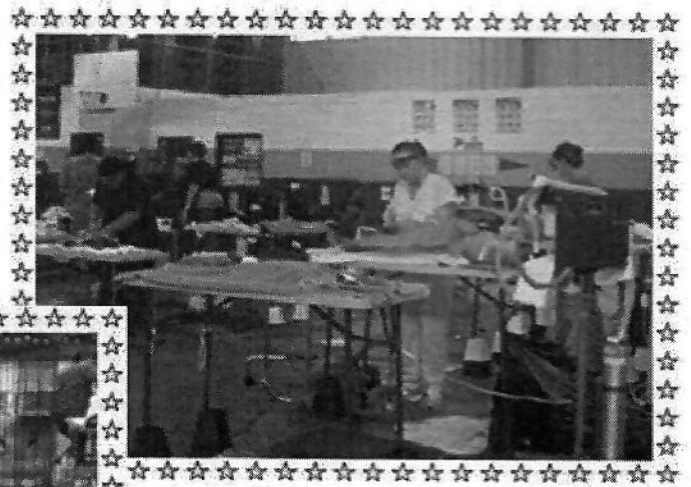
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Ferne Burney at 734-2445  
to volunteer

THANKS!

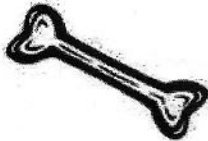
# SpaySA MASH



**M**obile  
**A**nimal  
**S**urgical  
**H**ospital



**SpaySA's MASH is a mobile surgical unit . Much like our stationary clinic, we perform spay/neuter surgery at low/no cost for the community. At the time of this printing we have spayed/neutered over 3200 dogs and cats!**



**MASH only requires two things- an enclosed area (gym or other room), and air conditioning. That's it! We bring all of the equipment, floor covering, and kenneling. More importantly, we take it all with us - so there is no clean-up! We even take our trash!**

**A typical MASH day starts at 6am.  
Our technicians arrive and unpack the truck.  
We place down tarps and set up our surgical suite.  
Clients begin checking in at 7am until 8am.  
Surgery runs from 9am to about 2pm.  
Animals are picked up from 3-4pm.  
Once all the animals are picked up, the technicians clean and pack up all the equipment. That's it!**



**MASH events are great community builders- not only are we able to educate the community on responsible pet ownership, but we're also helping to prevent pet overpopulation here in San Antonio. If you would like to schedule a MASH event or have a SpaySA representative give a brief presentation on MASH, feel free to give us a call at (210) 351- 7729 or you can always email us at [receptionist@spaysa.org](mailto:receptionist@spaysa.org)**

**Make the Healthy Choice for your Pet!**



# Neighborhood Social

The MPNA is ready to pick and grin on



**August 26, 2011**

**At 7:00 pm**

**340 Mary Louise Drive**

**\$10.00 per person donation**

**Our neighborhood social will bring us together for some fine country (think bluegrass) music!**

**We will meet up in the back yard,**

**So bring a snack, a lawn chair, and your favorite insect repellent.**

**Each of our socials has been well attended, so don't be left out of this one!**

**See you there!**