

Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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MEET THE NEIGHBORS

By Jan Peranteau

Let's face it. Surgery or being sick for an extended period of time is no fun. But somewhere in a lifetime, most of us will face a time when we are down and at home. Maybe it is a particularly difficult pregnancy requiring bed rest for a month or so. Maybe it is a sports injury that must be managed with reconstructive surgery. Or maybe it is those days in rehab or a nursing facility during the final times of life. Certainly, catastrophic illness can hit anyone at any time.

While in the state of down time, one has a great opportunity for growth. One can read, watch television, look out the window, write and meditate, or pray. Opportunities present to observe nature while sitting in the sunshine and watching the changes in the seasons. There is plenty of time to visit with friends and to get in touch with those far away via email, phone, or Facebook. Since most outside activities cease at this time, it is good to evaluate how we spend our time when we are healthy.



The other night, while watching television, I flipped to the Lawrence Welk Show.

PBS airs the show on Saturday nights and I got a chance to look at a show my parents never missed. Lawrence Welk now does his polkas in heaven, and these are tapes. The show is so happy. I can see why it appealed to so

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Please attend the
Monticello Park Neighborhood
Association General Assembly
Meeting

MONDAY

November 27, 2017

7PM
950 Donaldson
Grace Presbyterian Church

PROGRAM

Election of Officers and Board Members
Standing Committees Discussion

President's Message

I hope everyone's Fall is off to a crisp start. So many of us are out working in our yards getting our homes ready for the Holidays, and the neighborhood is looking better than ever. Thank you for your hard work keeping Monticello Bello!

After the success of the Home Tour in 2016, many of you have asked why we are not having a Home Tour this year. For a number of years, our Home Tour has been held every two years, in even numbered years, so this is actually our "off" year. We are already planning for the Home Tour in 2018, so get ready for our best one ever next year.

Your Officers and Board of Directors have been hard at work over the past few weeks planning for 2018. We have attended the D7 Neighborhood Presidents' Circle Meeting and the Historic Districts Coalition Meeting, and we've commented on several HDRC cases and represented our neighborhood with the Tier One Neighborhood Coalition. Big Thank You to the Board Members who have been working hard to benefit our neighborhood in these important endeavors.

We also co-hosted National Night Out with JNA and represented the Monticello Park Historic District at the Historic Homeowners' Fair. Check out the stories on each of these events in this newsletter.

Finally, we are holding our annual elections Monday, 11/28/17, at the General Assembly Meeting. We have two Board Members retiring this year and they will be greatly missed. Here is a big THANK YOU to Laura Reid and Patrick Shea for your hard work and dedication. Please attend the General Assembly to elect and support the new officers and board.

Best wishes for a happy and joyous Holiday Season. See the announcement in this newsletter for information about our MPNA Holiday Party!

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President, MPNA

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Monticello Park Neighborhood Association

2017 Beautification & Restoration Award Application

The Monticello Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA), with a donation from the Jefferson Woodlawn Lake Community Development Corporation, is proud to announce \$4000 for the 2017 MPNA Beautification and Restoration Award. Please complete the application below.

Projects eligible for Beautification and Restoration award must be visible from the street. Some examples: wood window restoration, wood door restoration, roof, exterior masonry repairs, wood screen restoration, painting and new landscaping. New construction projects will not be considered.

Application is due by Sunday, January 31, 2018 and can be turned in to any MPNA board member or mailed. Projects must be completed between 1/1/2017 and 12/31/2017

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Please provide a description of the scope of the project. 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.

All Applications MUST include the following documentation:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness from the City of San Antonio’s Office of Historic Preservation.
2. Itemized list of all expenditures associated with project for award consideration.
3. Copies of receipts that show proof of payment with detail of the scope of project and materials.
4. Photos of “before” and “after” the project.

MPNA Board of Directors Elections

Join us at the General Assembly Meeting on November 27, 2017 for the election of the 2018 Officers and Board of Directors. The nominations committee has been working very hard and will be submitting the following recommendation to the General Assembly:

President: Gary Hudman
Vice-President: open
Secretary: Drea Garza
Treasurer: Tom Simmons

Board Members:
Scott Gustafson
Ben Hirt
Ron Hubbert
Jaime Jasso
Tony Sanchez
Kathy Teague



Please remember that we need you to be dues-paying members of MPNA to vote, so please make certain your dues are current. There is a membership form in this newsletter, and Tom Simmons will be at the check-in table to review your status and accept your dues for 2017!



MPNA HOLIDAY PARTY

December 16, 2017

6:30 -10 PM

At the home of Wayne Ehrisman

402 Mary Louise Drive

MPNA will provide the main dish. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you have a special beverage to share that would also be welcomed!

We hope to see all of our neighbors there!

Delayed by One Week, But Still Worth It

It is a yearly event. The government has set different dates for it so the different parts of the country can celebrate with the coolness of the fall weather. The date was checked over and over again as each city and individual neighborhood planned what was best for them respectfully. Schedules and events were created and revised as more people got involved. There was an excitement and yes, even a little anxiety, in the air as the big day approached. Everyone, who could be, was on board for National Night Out to take place at our beautiful, neighborhood pocket park on October 10th. There was one "individual" who was not on board. As a matter of fact, you could say she was rather fickle about the entire event. Apparently, Mother Nature was upset that she had not been asked when to hold the event and that she had not been part of the coordination committee so she decided to create a few problems and make all of the organizers second guess themselves. Consequently, National Night Out was changed for our association to take place the following week on October 17th.

For those who were able to attend, we still had a good time.

- We had grilled hot dogs and chips.
- We had some great side dishes of dips, fruits, vegetables and desserts.
- We had a freezer full of paletas.
- We had ice chests filled with cold water, juice boxes, and soda waters.
- We had a local boy scout troupe lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had elected officials come and give the speeches they so love to give.
- We had a bounce house for the kids.
- We had some wonderful mini recycling bins that Councilwoman Sandoval provided as give-aways for the adults.
- We had door prizes for those individuals who were able to stay until the end.

Best of all, we had neighbors who were able to enjoy friendly, face to face conversations.

We were able to laugh at funny jokes, share our insights to the latest government problems, and exchange numbers for future reference.

Even though Mother Nature had us rearrange the logistics of the night, she could not change the outcome - a great National Night Out visit with each other!



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many, after so many years of depression and war. Couples found a reason to roll up the carpet and to dance across the living room floor.

Welk loved color and he wasn't afraid to use it. Men and women in sherbet-toned outfits whirl across the stage. The orchestra plays in apricot-hued velour jackets. Chandeliers dazzle above and swags of rich colors serve as backdrops for this festive evening. Welk snappily waves his baton at the orchestra and during dance numbers, he puts the baton down and dances with the professionals. His feet kick high behind him in polka fashion.

The evening has a sprit of romance and love. The orchestra plays "Moon River" and follows it with "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden". Welk stops to tell his own story of starting with a two-piece band working to full orchestra on stage. Tenors with carefully tended hair croon and women with bouncy curls sing. Everything is sappy-romantic. Banjos play with a hint of New Orleans jazz, and a man wearing a skinny orange suit tap dances and then the stage opens for a soloist singing "Without a Song" from a Broadway musical. There is always an accordion solo and usually a piano duet. The camera flashes through the audience, showing people smiling, clapping, and dancing. Most are silver haired, but a few stand out as much younger.



A UTSA football game is on the television in another room, but never mind, Lawrence Welk is on with his "boys and girls"—at least that is what calls his dancers and singers. Though their ages are well past that description, it somehow lends a light air to the evening. Chorus lines in more apricot and lime outfits sing "There's Gonna Be a Great Day". Welk closes with "We Won't Be Happy Until We Make You Happy Too". And as he says goodnight, the bubbly music is playing and he says, "Keep a Song In Your Heart".

Contentment flows and the rooms seems filled with peach. Our world has not been peaceful this year, and one wonders where it all going, how we make the best of it, and move forward through each day with hope and joy. One solution is connecting to moments of light. It is listening to the prayers of young children as they try to explain away mass shootings to God. It is hearing handsome Lester Holt saying to a young child in the aftermath of a mass shooting, "You know most people are really good and don't want to hurt others." And the little girl is nodding. That is what we must take away from all this craziness, and go forth with a song in our hearts.

Monticello Park Well Represented at the Historic Homeowner Fair

Monticello Park continued our tradition of representing our historic neighborhood at the Office of Historic Preservation's Historic Homeowner Fair on September 30, 2017. Held in the historic Stables Building at the Pearl, the event featured workshops and classes to help homeowners tackle historic renovations as well as booths from contractors, building material suppliers, and architects.

We were one of two neighborhood associations present, and proudly displayed a series of photos showcasing the amazing architecture featured on our streets. One particularly interesting display board showed several houses in historic newspaper ads from the 1920s juxtaposed with current photos of those same homes. This was a great way to engage attendees in a conversation about the importance of historic homes and was a fantastic way to break the ice with those visiting our booth.

We also gave away remaining copies of the 2016 Holiday Home Tour brochure to keep folks thinking about us on our off year. We traditionally have our Home Tour every other year, and this booth was a good way to remind people who love home tours that we will be back in 2018!

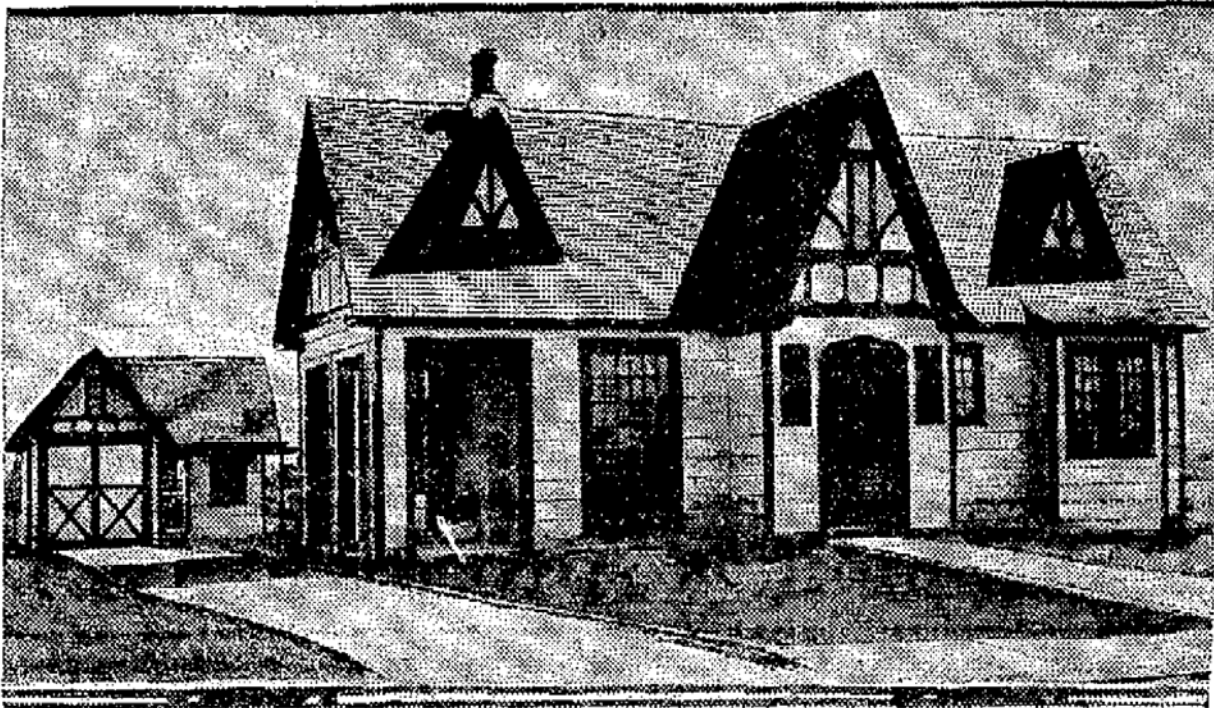
Here is a special thanks to those neighbors who helped staff the booth during the day, including Drea Garza, Ron Hubbert, Gary Hudman, Jaime Jasso, Laura Reid, Tom Simmons, and Earline Valdez. You all represented the neighborhood very well and continued the fine tradition of letting San Antonio know how wonderful our neighborhood is.



Drea Garza and Earline Valdez preparing to enter the Historic Homeowner Fair

The History Center

John T. Wilson, Jr., Builds First House in North Woodlawn Terrace



John T. Wilson Jr., home builder, has completed the first home in North Woodlawn Terrace, new section of Woodlawn Terrace. The six-room frame house is typical English in design. The entire building is of cypress and the siding is made of twelve-inch boards. The house is painted in old Virginia white.

The Neighborhood we now call Monticello Park is comprised of several subdivisions built during the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s. The first subdivision was called North Woodlawn Terrace (Woodlawn Terrace is part of the Jefferson Neighborhood Association boundaries.) The first home built in North Woodlawn Terrace was on Furr Drive and this beautifully maintained house is still standing proud today, at 232 Furr. Here is the newspaper announcement for that home from The San Antonio Light, July 19, 1925.