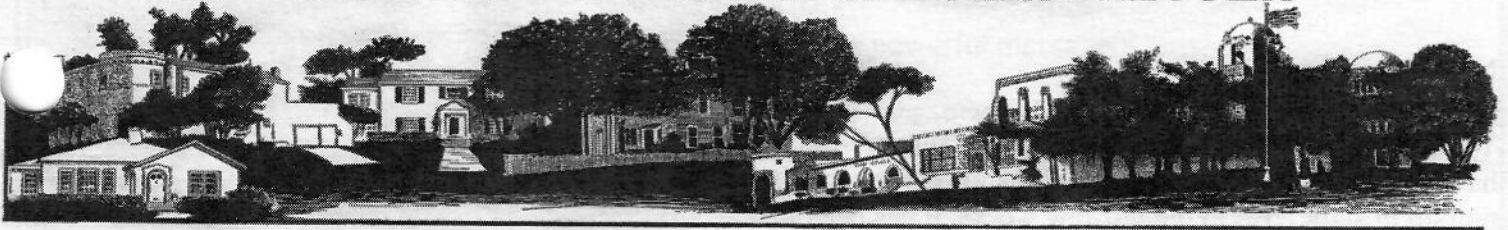


Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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September – October 2018

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Jan Peranteau

Please attend the Monticello
Park Neighborhood Association
General Assembly Meeting

MONDAY
September 24, 2018
7PM

950 Donaldson, Grace
Presbyterian Church

PROGRAM

SAFFE Officer Vincent Cano
-Recent Criminal Activity

Park Improvements Update

National Night Out

Solid Waste Department Carts
Options

Creation of Nominations
Committee for 2019 Officers &
Board

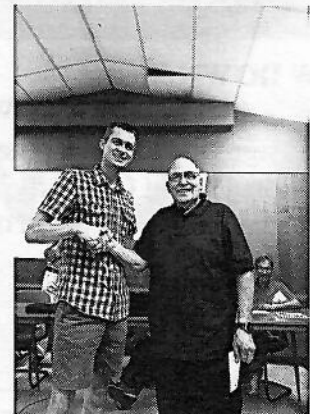
Oh, what we all do to keep Monticello “Bello”!!

Twice a year, the Monticello Park Neighborhood Association makes awards for beautification of the neighborhood. Find the application on our website at monticelloparkna.com. Rules and stipulations apply, and they must be followed. Take “before and after” photos. Keep receipts. Get approval from the Office of Historic Preservation for changes, and get a certificate of appropriateness. It seems like a lot, but the benefits are wonderful for you and the neighborhood!



Drea Garza accepts a check from Ben Hirt, both board members, for beautification of the Garza home.

David Lerma accepts a check from MPNA from Ben Hirt on behalf of his wife, Lydia Lerma



President's Message

Neighbors,

When will this rain stop? It seems that all summer long, we have endured incredible heat, which parched our yards, with no rain in sight. Yet in the last few weeks, it has been raining constantly. Everyone's grass is growing, and the neighborhood looks very green. Once we get a short break in the rain and mow our yards, I am sure the neighborhood will look amazing!

SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Several alleys in the neighborhood have been under construction due to relining of leaking sewer pipes. This work has been completed, giving us great improvements to our aging infrastructure. The holes in the alley pavement have been patched in the areas I observed, but I have not seen every single alley. Please contact me if there are any issues in your area.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We are having our annual FREE PARTY in the Monticello Pocket Park on October 2nd. See details in this newsletter. Please join us for a great evening of fellowship and get to know your neighbors.

PARK UPGRADES

Your MPNA board of Directors met again with the city's TCI department to discuss the \$300K improvements coming to the Monticello Pocket Park. We will all be proud to see these changes taking place over the next year. See full story in this newsletter.

BOARD OPENINGS

Please consider joining the MPNA Board of Directors. We are looking for several volunteers to join our ranks and help develop programs for the betterment of the neighborhood.

SLOW DOWN SIGNS

MPNA is giving away "SLOW DOWN, KIDS PLAY HERE" signs to the first 80 neighbors who request one at our National Night Out Party. Let's send a clear voice to those speeders to slow down on our neighborhood streets.

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PLEASE JOIN AND PARTICIPATE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

A neighbor posted this on Facebook and I wanted to share this powerful message.

Two-Minute Cheer For The Home Team, by Barbara Kingsolver

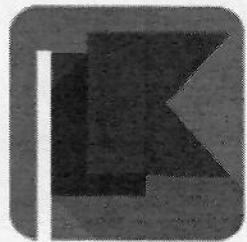
The ancient human social construct that once was common in this land was called community. We lived among our villagers, depending on them for what we needed. If we had a problem, we did not discuss it over the phone with someone in Mumbai. We went to a neighbor. We acquired food from farmers. We listened to music in groups, in churches or on front porches. We danced. We participated. Even when there was no money in it. Community is our native state. You play hardest for a hometown crowd. You become your best self. You know joy. This is not a guess, there is evidence. The scholars who study social well-being can put it on charts and graphs. In the last 30 years our material wealth has increased in this country, but our self-described happiness has steadily declined. Elsewhere, the people who consider themselves very happy are not in the very poorest nations, as you might guess, nor in the very richest. The winners are Mexico, Ireland, Puerto Rico, the kinds of places we identify with extended family, noisy villages, a lot of dancing. The happiest people are the ones with the most community.

Please join us. Volunteer. Help organize an event. Attend a party. Build our community.

Gary Hudman
President

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Find “Monticello Park Neighborhood Association” on Facebook, and keep track of neighborhood happenings, gossip, lost pets, and lots more!

Monticello Park Holiday Home Tour December 2, 2018

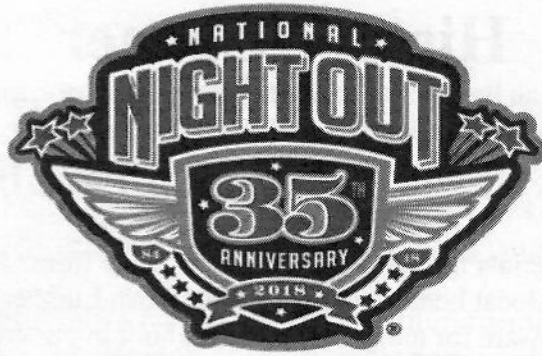
Can you believe that in less than three months our neighborhood will be laying the welcome mat out for old home lovers to come see us during the Monticello Park Holiday Home Tour and Christmas Market. Please save the date of Sunday, December 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and join us!

Our Holiday Home Tour is a wonderful opportunity for the public to take a self-guided tour of some of our neighborhood’s loveliest gems. Whether it’s a Tudor, a Dutch Colonial, a Cottage or early Ranch, visitors can step back in time and enjoy getting some terrific renovation and restoration inspiration from this year’s homes.

We are bringing back the very successful Christmas Market so have your holiday shopping list ready. We are sure that you will find some beautiful crafts from among the skilled artisans and others participating in this year’s Market. Location and other details about the Market will be announced soon!

If you would like to be a sponsor of this year’s home tour as an individual or a business, please reach out to Jan P or KC Hernandez for details! If you watch to keep up with the growing excitement surrounding this year’s tour, please like us on our Monticello Park Holiday Home Tour Facebook page or follow us on Instagram at #monticelloparkhometour. Tickets go on sale on both sites via PayPal on Saturday, September 29th at \$15 each. You can also visit Vee’s Hair Salon at 1022 Donaldson to buy your tickets in person. Ticket prices increase the closer we get to the event so hurry and buy yours early to take advantage of this special pricing!

We certainly want to thank those who have agreed to open their homes on this year’s tour. They are lovely homes with gracious hosts, we assure you! Ticket sales help support local scholarships and neighborhood beautification efforts. So, please tell your friends and make sure to attend!



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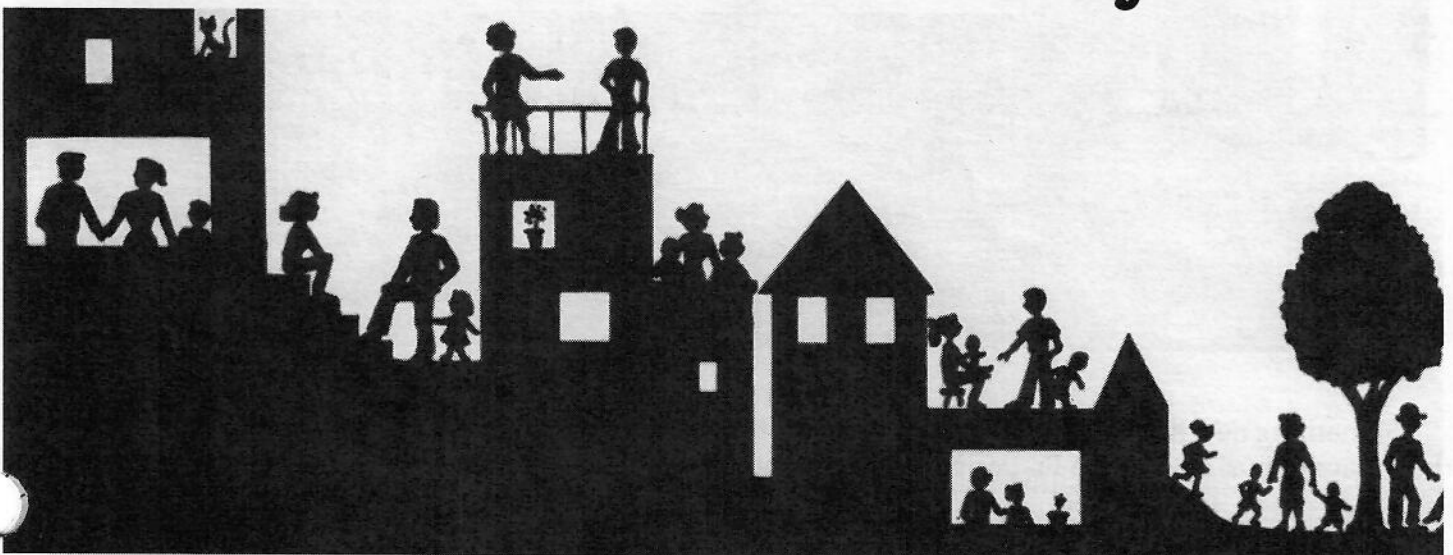
FREE PARTY!

National Night Out
October 2, 2018, 6-8 PM
Monticello Pocket Park

Serving hot dogs, drinks, and all of the trimmings
Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Bounce House for the kids!

A Connected Community is a Safer Community!



History Corner

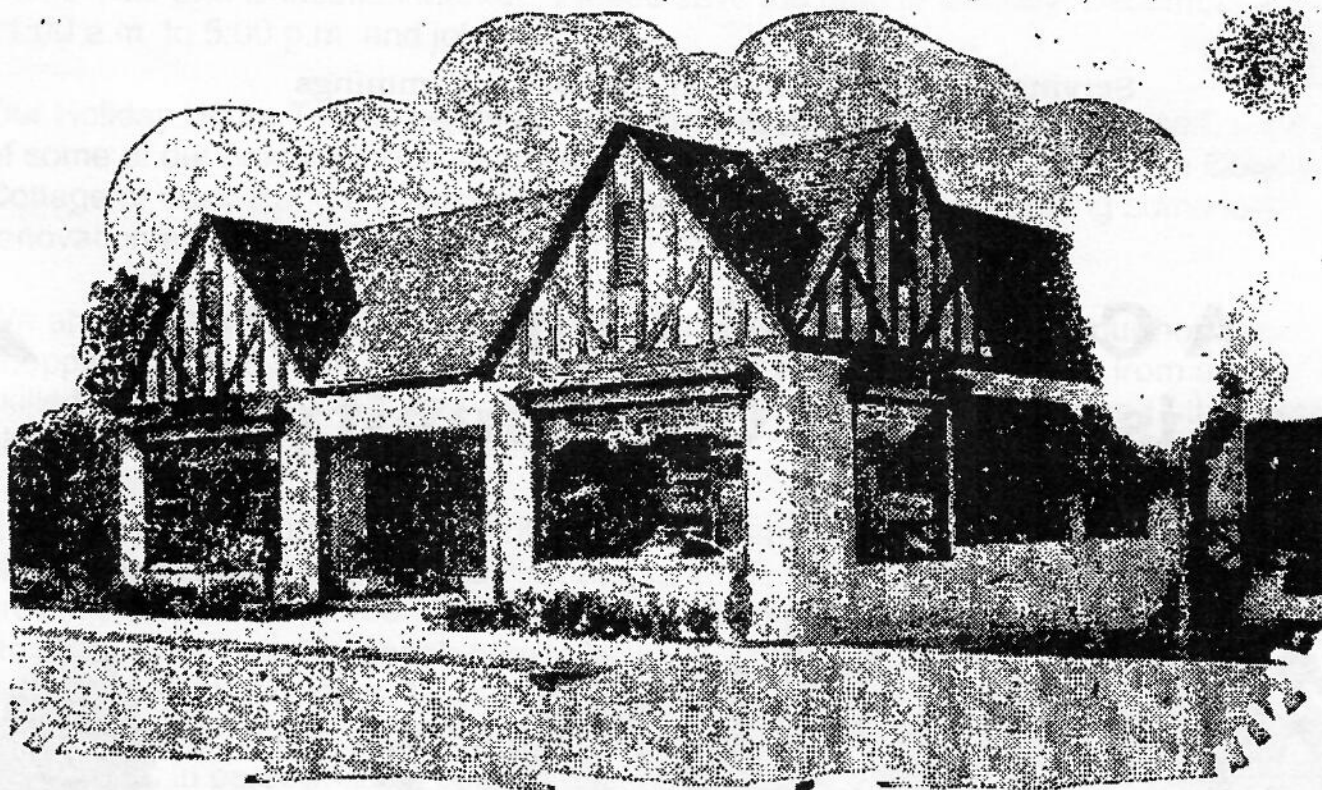
By Gary Hudman

Looking Back at the Woodlawn Lumber Company

Did you ever wonder where the materials for building your home came from? Most of us will never know for certain, this may give you a clue. A local home center, the Woodlawn Lumber Company, was the source for lumber, building materials, and hardware for many of the homes built in our area. This building stood at 925 Fredericksburg Road, and once the home center went out of business, housed a local hobby store as recently as 15 years ago. The article below introduced the new home store to the community in 1925. This building was eventually remodeled from the English style to a Mid-Century style as seen in a photo from 2007. The lumber sheds are also visible in this view. By 2013, the building had been demolished, and a few years later Stripes built a convenience store on the site.

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LUMBER FIRM CALLED "HOME BUILDERS' DEPARTMENT STORE"



Something new in the line of lumber offices has been instituted by the Woodlawn Lumber Company in their place of business on the Fredericksburg Road between Craig and Woodlawn avenues.

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The company, which was incorporated October 1, with C. E. Odell as president and manager, styles itself "The Home Builders' Department Store," and the office building, erected on the front of the 175 x 25-foot [lot] which also houses their lumber business, bears out the slogan in every point.

The interior of the attractive English-style stucco building combines all the features of a modern up-to-date office with that of an equally modern hardware and builders' supplies store, without doing discredit to either.

On one side of the 40 x 40-foot room, a handsome oak counter, running the entire length of the room, enclosed the office, while the other side from floor to ceiling is equipped with the latest type wall cabinets for the display and storage of all sorts of builders' tools and small hardware. The cabinets are of the interchangeable unit system type, with glass display panels in the front and storage space within the drawers of varying sizes. Further modern display space is arranged for paints, garden tools, building supplies, and various items of home equipment, which the company will feature in its efforts to truly serve the immediate section of the city in which it is located.

The interior finish of the office building is especially fine, oak being light-colored enamel and delicate tinting of woodwork and walls, and this, with the indirect system of lighting used, is most effective in enhancing the beauty of the interior.

Three show windows, two in front and one on the side of the building, are hung with valances bearing the name and monogram of the company and give place for the display of goods handled by the firm.

At the rear of the lot has been erected the first unit of the company's lumber sheds, double-deck and opening from either side. A second unit will be built in the near future. Fine graveled drives have been put in about the buildings, and an up-to-date motor equipment is used for delivery.

The Woodlawn Lumber Company finances the building of homes and in connection with this has a plan service for the convenience of its patrons.



925 Fredericksburg Road in 2007 just before demolition

Pink Flamingo Social

by Larissa O'Connors

A few years ago, I wrote an article for this newsletter about the history behind the Pink Flamingo Social. For those that read the article, this is a recap and for everyone else, this is how it all began.

Several years ago, a television show, *Curb Appeal, The Block*, aired, and the premise for the show was to do a major makeover to the front of a home. Season three, episode ten, particularly inspired Charlie and me. The homeowners wanted a makeover because on their block, homeowners took turns placing a Pink Flamingo in their yard to signify that the social would be at their home.

That a neighborhood would get together frequently socially sounded like a perfect fit for Monticello Park. Our neighborhood has wonderful, friendly, and extremely helpful people. Plus, judging by the food that is brought to the socials, many great cooks!

For individuals recently relocating to Monticello Park, the socials are a great way to get to know your neighbors --- who are often wonderful resources for recommendations for anything from finding a good vet to locating honest, affordable repairmen. And for those who have lived in Monticello Park for years, the social enables people to reconnect with friends and meet new neighbors.

To date our Pink Flamingo Socials have been hosted in driveways, front yards, backyards, and inside homes. It is easy to host one. Notify anyone on the Monticello Park Board of Directors to come up with a date and time. The host provides the venue and soft drinks. The neighbors attending provide the food, usually finger food, and any specialty drinks they care to bring.

If you are interested in hosting a Pink Flamingo Social, please contact me at 210 284 0092 or email me at larissaoc@att.net
Let's keep this party going!

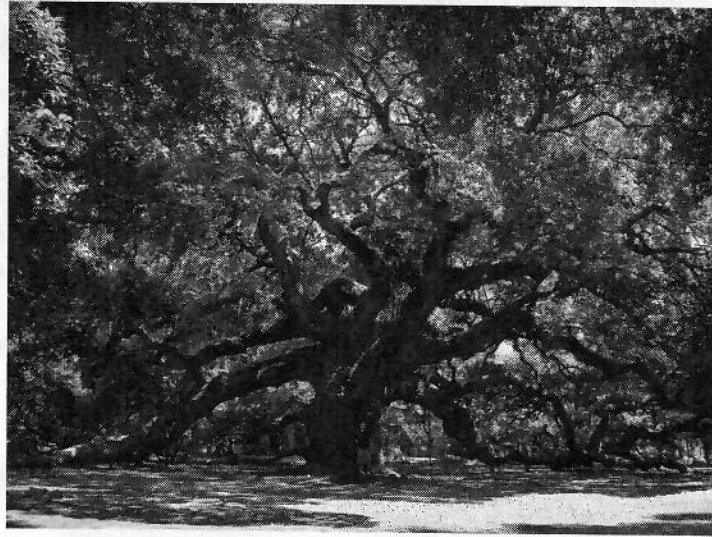


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Tree Pruning 101

A Guide to Enhancing Your Yard

by Cathy Teague



Monticello Park is a neighborhood blessed with many beautiful, heritage trees. With cooler weather on the horizon, it's time to think about fall yard maintenance. One task that yields quick results is tree trimming. There are great DIY sites such as www.treeremoval.com to help you get started. Late fall/early winter is the best time to perform this task because without tree leaves, you can get a better idea of which branches need to be removed. The tree also has a better chance of retaining its nutrients when you prune it during the dormant season.

As with any DIY project, you need the right tools such as safety glasses, pruning shears, lopping shears, a pole pruner and a rope saw. Keep your tools sharpened to ensure clean cuts so the tree will heal more quickly. If you're a beginner tree trimmer, it is a good idea to leave anything that also involves a ladder and/or a chain saw to the professionals.

Pruning stimulates growth. It enables you to ensure branches are heading in the right direction and not rubbing on or competing with one another. Pruning gives you the opportunity remove weak and misdirected branches. Begin by walking around the tree and surveying which branches (you shape from the inside out) need to be removed to enhance the shape of the tree and allow more light to penetrate. Carefully thinning a tree will reduce the strain on larger branches and encourage it to keep its natural shape. Also consider whether any branches are leaning on the home or its roof, getting in the way of cars and pedestrians or blocking stop signs and important sight lines drivers need for safety.

NEVER remove more than one-third growth from a tree. Start at the bottom by removing offshoots and suckers that take energy away from the body of the tree and distract from its shape and appearance. Try to tackle larger branches by cutting them in pieces from the outside in toward the trunk to avoid tearing. Remove stubs by cutting them at an angle to shed water. Not all stubs need to be sealed but, you certainly should seal any oaks and elms to avoid the spread of diseases such as oak wilt. Specifically, oak trees should not be pruned from early March through July because the sap feeding beetles that spread oak wilt are active during this time. Visit www.texasoakwilt.org for pruning tips and more information on this disease.

Get Ready For National Night Out

Tuesday, October 2

It is always one of the highlights of our neighborhood, the annual National Night Out (NNO) event in Monticello Park! Please make plans to turn on your porch light and walk, bike or drive to the park (Kampmann Blvd and Club Drive) for the festivities.

NNO in Texas is always the first Tuesday in October. It is a time for communities to come together and support the efforts of law enforcement to reduce crime. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Monticello Park Neighborhood Association will be cooking and serving free hot dogs with drinks and snacks. There will be music, a bouncy house for the kids to enjoy and a chance to meet local elected officials, candidates and police. We hope you'll join us for a chance to meet neighbors and send a message to the bad guys that we're fighting back against crime!

Historic Homeowner Fair

A Must for Everyone

by Cathy Teague

For many of us, buying a home in Monticello Park was the easy part. Deciding what to do, who to contact and how to preserve our prized investment is the toughest challenge. The city of San Antonio recognizes that many homeowners need help getting started and that's why the Historic Homeowner Fair is a "must" for those of us who want to learn from experts how to preserve and maintain our homes.

The 10th annual Fair, organized by the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) and preservation professionals will be held on Saturday, September 29th at the Exhibit Hall at Pearl Stable. This is a free event that brings together home owners, local professionals, city staff and others. You will find lots of resources, all under one roof, for anyone who wants to learn more about preserving and protecting their homes.

There are workshops at the Historic Homeowner Fair to learn hands-on skills, such as restoring old windows and, other educational sessions. This event is designed to help you with your DIY weekend projects and beyond. There will be door prizes, a guest speaker and a chance to speak one-on-one with OHP city staff about your historic home too.

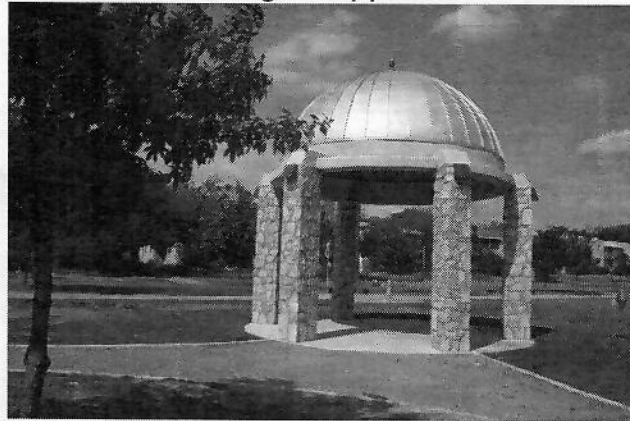
Members of the Monticello Park Neighborhood Association will have a booth promoting the Holiday Home Tour and our community, so please consider attending and dropping by our table to say hello!

Monticello Park Improvement

Where Are We in the Process

by Cathy Teague

Our neighborhood's favorite gathering place, Monticello Park, has been the focus of much behind-the-scenes activity between the MPNA Board and the city this year. In the Spring, the Board met with TCI Bond Project staff to review initial plans for park improvements. You may recall that monies were set aside in the voter-approved 2017 Bond Issue for park improvements. This meeting was crucial in forcing the city to listen and learn how critical it was for the original dream of Monticello Park to be realized. In short, our park—from the design of the gazebo to its signage and walking path—was not executed according to its original plans and now is the opportunity to take a big stride toward making it happen.

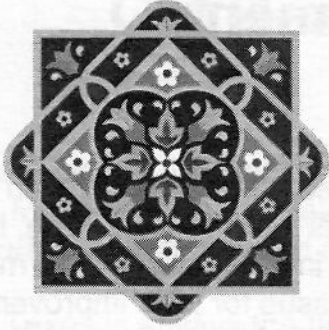


At the last general assembly meeting, the Board and those residents who attended, raised concerns regarding the projected costs, the management fees and the proposed scope of work. The TCI staff also received feedback regarding preferred materials to be used given the impact of frequent street flooding on a portion of the park. So, the city went back to the drawing board to refine the proposal.

In a recent MPNA Board meeting, decisions were made regarding the walking trail, the gazebo, signage and lighting. Instead of crushed granite, for example, the preferred choice for the trail is decorative, stamped concrete. Embellishments to the gazebo such as ironwork grills around the dome, bench seating and other changes were also discussed as well as improved signage and proposed lighting.

The Board drilled hard on the original proposed costs presented to the community in July and are pleased to report that in a subsequent meeting, the TCI staff adjusted the budget to reflect approximately 79% dedicated for construction and 21% for management fees, including design management. The facility budget is \$197,000.00 for labor and materials. This ratio for construction costs to management/design fees is approximately the same as other similar park projects.

After much discussion, the Board prioritized for the city which improvements should be undertaken now and which could be delayed based on the overall cost. Improvement of the walking trail and the gazebo are our top priorities. Currently, the city is receiving bids based on these decisions. If there are additional monies left over, we want to improve the signage and add lighting on the Club Street side of the park. The Board anticipates another meeting with the TCI Bond staff later this fall.



HISTORIC HOMEOWNER FAIR

ATTEND THE 10TH ANNUAL

FREE ADMISSION

**Saturday, 9/29/18, 9 AM – 2 PM, Pearl Stables
Workshops, Restoration Resources, Office of Historic Preservation and More!**

The bell at St. Mark's Episcopal Church was forged from scrap iron from what source?



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Answer: Cannons used during the Battle of the Alamo.