

Monticella Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



November – December 2014

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Jan Peranteau

The 14th Biennial Monticello Tour of Homes came with a flourish of antique cars, a truck parked in driveways, and even one on a lawn. The day was sparkling with sunshine and smiling faces, warm cider, and home baked cookies. As one homeowner, Carla Rodriguez, said. “The weather was perfect.. People spent a lot of time on the patio.” The Rodriguez family had lemonade and fresh-baked chocolate chips cookies out back. Carla also made hyacinth seed packets for guests to take. When these ran out, she began gathering seeds from plants people requested. Carla said, “I had a blast visiting with people. We shared information about other home tours and talked about their individual homes.” She added, “I like living in a place where the sidewalks go somewhere.” At the end of their day, 12 dozen cookies had been eaten and the lemonade pitcher was empty.



*The
Rodriguez
Home*

Dianne Simpson said, “I liked the intensity of the day and of the preparation. It is motivating for the entire neighborhood.” The Simpson Home, at 459 Furr, underwent a second renovation this year, installing oak flooring recovered from a house in Terrell Hills. A new patio was installed, using brick from a house in Manke

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PLEASE COME TO THE
Monticello Park
Neighborhood Association
General Assembly Meeting

**Monday,
November 23**

7PM

950 Donaldson
Grace Presbyterian Church

Program:

Election of Officers

Crime update from
SAFFE Officer
Joey Vidal

President's Message

Greetings! Many "happenings" within MPNA:

Burglaries within the Community-With the activity in the past months, SAPD SAFFE Officer Joey Vidal states at our MPNA General Assembly meetings: Know your neighbors and their vehicles, call in suspicious activity 210.207.SAPD, have a monitored alarm system for your home, do not leave money or anything of valuable within your vehicle, and secure your property. While SAPD rarely catches a burglar in the act, a monitored alarm will keep one from perusing your home for an unlimited amount of time. Update on crime in the community will be provided at the General Assembly meeting.

National Night Out 2014- MPNA and JNA had a wonderful NNO at the Monticello Pocket Park with over 150 residents in attendance. It was an evening for neighbors to enjoy camaraderie, to meet new residents, and to enjoy the festivities. Many thanks to our sponsors and volunteers: HEB for the foods and beverages, Jefferson Woodlawn Lake CDC for rental of tables and chairs, Cavender Toyota for \$50 gas cards, Grady's BBQ for gift cards, Mr Bozarth for his bird houses, and all the residents for assisting with set-up and clean-up.

Alleys-MPNA is working with Solid Waste to open two closed alleys. It is very important for each homeowner to maintain his/her alley whether it is open OR closed. Thanks for the hard work of David and Mary Guerrero, Gary Hudman, Laura Reid, Charlie and Ressie O'Connors, Ferne Burney, Rob Sipes, Jan Peranteau, and all the residents who answered the request to clean up the 200 block of North/300 Block of Club alley and the 300 block of Mary Louise/300 block of Furr alleys. The rain delayed the evaluation of the alleys and a path forward. More details are to come.

Laddie III-On October 20th there was a behind the scenes tour of the new Laddie III detention ponds located in the former Northwest Shopping Center. The capacity of the ponds is 250 acre feet of water: 175 acre feet on the west and 75 acre feet on the east. Bexar County is working with Jefferson Soccer and Classic Elite Soccer for maintenance and operation of the soccer fields at the new park. The

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Come celebrate the season at the Holiday Historic Churches Tour with the Office of Historic Preservation on

Tuesday, December 9.

Join us for a guided tour as we uncover the history of many of San Antonio's downtown churches. The tour provides a fun opportunity to see our historic downtown lighted for the holiday season and get fit along the way!

Registration is \$15 and includes a "Know This Place?" t-shirt. Runners and walkers of all skill levels are welcome. Tour starts at 5:30 pm. Registration form available at the link below to pre-register or you can register at the event. Details on starting location coming soon, so stay tuned. Hope to see you there!



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project is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The County will then initiate a Map of Revision with FEMA to reflect the Laddie I, II, and III drainage improvement projects. It is projected some homes in MPNA will be removed from the 100 year flood plain.

MPNA Garage Sale- The garage sale was a success in raising money for the MPNA Scholarship Fund. The event had great weather and lots of folks in attendance. Thank you to Adrian for all his hard work.

MPNA Tour of Homes- The tour was a great success for MPNA! Through the hard work of the Tour of Homes Committee, MPNA was able to showcase six homes and to raise funds for scholarships and beautification. Thank you to the homeowners for sharing your homes! It is always humbling to see neighbors and local businesses come together and support Monticello Park's essence of community and architecture.

Tree Challenge-MPNA will be planting 25 five-gallon trees on Saturday November 22nd. Meet at the Monticello Pocket Park at 9AM-11AM. MPNA Board of Directors 2015- Elections for 2015 Officers will occur at the MPNA General Assembly Meeting on Monday November 24th. If you are interested in serving, please contact a board member.

Hope to see you on Monday!

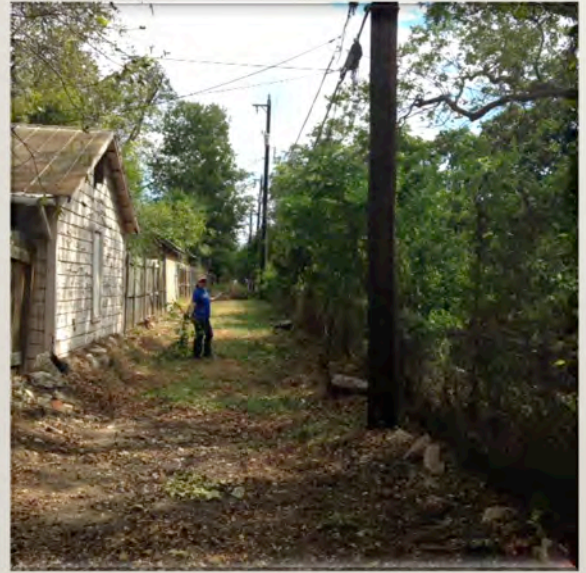
Wishing you and your family a Happy Holidays.

Bianca Maldonado
MPNA President

Alley Clean-Up



Alley at North/Club
BEFORE



Alley at North/Club
AFTER

After a door-by-door campaign to notify neighbors that the alleys were to be inspected in order to open up currently closed alleyways to garbage trucks, many neighbors pitched in and cleaned up the areas behind their homes.

Board members and friends met on a weekend to clean up everything else. The alleyways between North/Club and Mary Louise/Furr were restored to a beautiful state!

Pictured are "AFTER" photo: Andrea Garza; top right, Smiling Gary Hudman and his intrepid weed eater; bottom right: Gary Hudman, Drea Garza, and Ressie O'Connors pitch in to beautify the neighborhood.

We are reminding all neighbors that alleyways must be cleared of plants, debris, and tree limbs up to a height of 11 feet in order for alleys to remain open.



Park. The stairwell was also reworked and fresh paint was applied throughout the house. Simpson said, “ We had enough volunteers, but high school students need a bit more direction and name tags. “

The Simpson Home



The Bozarth and O’Connors



The Bozarth and O’Connors home at 210 North seemed to be ruled by a very large, orange and white, longhaired cat named, Paddy Kat. She lounged on couches, allowed gentle pats, and swished her great fluffy tail at guests. Ressie O’Connors said, “The three things people noted were an antique miniature typewriter, the fireplace in the sun room, and Paddy Kat. A home tour is a real motivator to get the house ready. It’s like giving a party. You know the work has to be done. It is fun sharing the house with others.”

Katrina Cook at 222 North Drive said, “Projects had been building up for twenty years. I finally did it ! I can now enjoy my home. There are still things I could do, but it is mostly how I want it.” Cook and her parents were in period dress, with video of FDR on the TV and 1930s music playing in the background. Hot apple cider and fresh apples greeted guests on the patio. Her parents brought a buttercup yellow Model A truck and parked it on the lawn.

The Cook Home



The Scaljon-Wilkerson Home



The Basil Scaljon–Lynne Wilkerson house offered vistas of Thomas Jefferson

High School, four porches with views of the neighborhood, and back yard complete with two clucking chickens, a tin goat, and a newly refurbished pond. Lots of fruit trees hung heavy with fall’s bounty. Ripening tomatoes lined the windowsill. The Scaljon-Wilkerson home has a more minimalist view on the interior. Those famous Scaljon rugs graced floors and even a back porch. Lynne said, “I really enjoyed the day.” Asked if she had enough help, she laughed and said, “We had plenty.”

One of the owners of the Owen home at 231 North described the day. Vickie answered the door, her usual bubbly self. Before the reporter could ask a question, she said, “We loved it. After the day was finished, the family all sat down in the living room and talked. We were so up, we all shared what different people had said. Their son, Jordan described it as a” fuzzy feeling. “ Vickie explained, “He got emotional during the day and kept coming up to me with pats on the shoulder. This is the house he grew up in. It is all he knows. It was affirming for him to see all the people coming through the house and to see how they enjoyed it.” She added, “People were respectful of our belongings and even asked if they could take pictures. We got two notes from people who visited our house.”

Vickie concluded with, “We have new homeowners in the neighborhood. “I want to plant seeds for these new homeowners to put their houses on the tour. It is fun. I enjoyed it all—the candles, the flowers and Mike, my husband, being so involved. He had the impetus to do projects. It wasn’t just a Honey Do List.”

*The Owen
Home*



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