

# Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## THE NEIGHBORHOOD

by Bianca Maldonado

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the City held the first of three public meetings for the “Fredericksburg Road Corridor Study and Design Strategy” commissioned by City Council. The boundaries for the study are Fredericksburg Road from Balcones Heights to I-10 and two blocks on either side of the street. The Study also includes the neighborhood boundaries for the Maverick Neighborhood Association, the only neighborhood included in its entirety. All properties designated Historic, even though they are on Fredericksburg Road, are excluded from the study. (See map of area of study) Fredericksburg Road has seen many changes since the Deco District was designated as an Urban Corridor in 1994. The last action by City Council limited signage height, billboards, and required screening for outdoor storage and unloading activities.



Consultants hired for the project are: Robert Yakas Design, Ximenes and Associates, and FCS Group. They have established the following goals for the 2016 Study: strengthen property values, improve physical appearance, improve property upkeep and maintenance, improve access for pedestrians/bicycles/transit, strengthen corridor and community identity, and increase resident satisfaction.

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Please attend the  
Monticello Park  
Neighborhood Association  
General Assembly Meeting

MONDAY

JULY 25

7PM  
950 Donaldson  
Grace Presbyterian Church

Program:

S.A. COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN

FREDERICKSBURG ROAD

Bring your concerns about your  
streets, alleys, sidewalks, and  
traffic calming needs

## President's Message

You Decide: Eventful or uneventful happenings in MPNA!

-Where is the rain? It seems as though it's feast or famine. Please be sure to water your trees!

-Alazan Creek Trail opened on Sat. 6/18! The trail begins at the Woodlawn Lake Casting Pond on Josephine Tobin and extends approximately a half mile south to Lombrano. The trail creates a safe pedestrian passage under Waverly and Culebra Streets furthermore connecting Woodlawn Lake Park and West End Park.

-1901 Fredericksburg Road: David Komet sent MPNA an email indicating it will not be feasible to begin development and new construction for the Insurance Business on the empty lot (corner of Fredericksburg/Elemendorf). Ultimately, there were several influencing factors regarding timing, monies, and setbacks for utilities which proved unsurmountable. We look forward to another design in the future and remain optimistic something new will come to the Deco District Corridor.

-An important message from the City's Solid Waste Management Division: "Beginning July 1, 2016 Residents who place garbage in the blue carts will be charged a \$25 fine. Please recycle correctly." 210.207.6428 [www.sanantonio.gov/swmd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/swmd).

-San Pedro Playhouse has a musical *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* featuring MPNA resident Bob Galindo and running until August 7<sup>th</sup> [www.theplayhousesa.org](http://www.theplayhousesa.org).

-Monticello Park pocket park at 444 Club Drive- In May, a car jumped the curb on Kampmann and plowed some car tracks in the middle of the park. Therefore, mulch was used to fill the tire tracks placed in June. Also, a trashcan and the dispenser for the pet waste bags disappeared at the SE corner of the pocket park at the end of June. A call to the City's Parks and Rec Department yielded the following information. Parks and Rec Park Supervisor removed both items because a

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Maps of the project can be found on pages 7 and 8

The first meeting began with an evaluation of existing conditions of the corridor: the good and the bad. The good are the historic buildings and structures, landscaping, updated architecture, neighborhood pedestrian connectivity, and signage marking the Deco District. The bad are multiple curb cuts, sidewalk gaps, drive thrus, no clear delineation between pedestrians and cars, power poles in the middle of sidewalks, lack of shade/landscaping, and lack of pedestrian safety measures. The consultant agreed that the new construction at 2202 Fredericksburg Road was a detriment to the pedestrian safety, and that the building's orientation turned its back to the corridor. During the meeting, the corridor was split into three sections and all attendees were split into three work groups according to the area each resident lived near. The groups used colored dots and markers to identify areas of concern on their section of Fredericksburg Road: safety issues, lighting, sidewalks, and landscaping. Afterwards, each group mentioned its main concern. Our group's main concern was our exclusion from the Study. Just because MPNA's boundaries on Fredericksburg Road are historic does not exempt its properties from infrastructure needs.

We have a "virtual" VIA Transit Center at Mary Louise and Fredericksburg Road, aged sidewalk infrastructure with lack of ADA accessibility, inconsistent lighting, and pedestrian safety issues too. Being designated a landmark property or a property within a historic district on Fredericksburg Road should not be an obstacle but an opportunity for uniform Right of Way and Street improvements. The City must include these properties within the study. As VIA continues to encroach with high-density pedestrian traffic into the MPNA community, there should be proper planning and infrastructure to avoid deterioration. Please join MPNA to voice concern to City Council!



MPNA is advocating for including all properties on Fredericksburg Road in the study, filling the sidewalk gaps, landscaping, signage overlay standards for the corridor, and pedestrian-friendly design standards for new construction.



Two more public meetings are planned. If you are unable to attend please visit the website to view the presentation materials:

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/Planning/FredericksburgRd.aspx> Feedback may be emailed to [sidra.schimelpfening@sanantonio.gov](mailto:sidra.schimelpfening@sanantonio.gov) 210.207.8187.



## Biennial Home Tour is Now a Holiday Celebration

The Monticello Park Neighborhood Association's largest fundraiser is our biennial Home Tour, and this year, "At Home in Monticello" will be bigger and better than ever, featuring more houses, more activities, and a new Holiday theme. Proceeds from the tour support our mission to create a better neighborhood and help us support college scholarships for local high school students.

The tour will be held Sunday, December 4, 2016, to allow homeowners to showcase their festive Holiday decorations and to give our guests a chance to see the entire neighborhood decorated in its Holiday finery. We expect to see hundreds of guests that day, so please help us highlight our Holiday spirit by having your Holiday decorations completed by this date. We truly appreciate your help.



With the goal of having our best home tour ever, we are showcasing ten gorgeous homes, with architectural styles including Spanish Revival, English Cottage, Colonial Revival, California Colonial, Mid-Century, and more. The featured homes are on several streets in the neighborhood, including Quentin, North, Club, Mary Louise, Furr, and Donaldson.

We are also adding a fantastic new activity to the tour, a Christmas Market, featuring artisans, crafts, and gifts from 30 local vendors. There will even be food trucks to give everyone a chance to satisfy their hunger and to enjoy some unique San Antonio treats. The Christmas Market will be held in the Community Room of Jefferson United Methodist Church, and will be the perfect chance to pick up some interesting Christmas gifts for your friends and family. Your support helps us make "At Home in Monticello" the premier home tour in the city.

The home tour committee has been meeting every month since last August, and their hard work and efforts make this event possible. Committee members include Gail Collins, Drea Garza, Kathy Hernandez, Ressie O'Connors, Laura Reid, Tony Sanchez, Chrissy Shea, Patrick Shea, Tom Simmons, and Earline Valdez. Jan Peranteau and Gary Hudman chair the committee.

Ticket vouchers will be sold online and by all members of the home tour committee starting late August. Vouchers will also be available on the day of the tour at Jefferson United Methodist Church Community Room during the Christmas Market. Guests will exchange their vouchers that day for a tour booklet which will serve as admission to the homes. We'll also be giving out numerous door prizes this year, giving our guests the opportunity to win gifts, free meals at local restaurants, and more.

Keep your eyes on our MPNA Facebook page for more updates and be on the lookout for even more info on local TV, Radio, and the *San Antonio Express News*. We'll also be on Twitter and Instagram with info on the tour and special discounts.

Circle your calendar and save the date. You won't want to miss this tour!



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home owner has been dumping his cat litter in the trash can. MPNA requested the items be returned to the park as other residents should not be penalized for the actions of one individual, and people need to pick up the mess! The pet waste bag dispenser was reinstalled at the NW corner as it must be by a trashcan. Two weeks later, and we are still waiting on concrete to reinstall the trashcan at the SE corner. It is not a crime to dispose of trash in the cans at the park, but please don't haul your trash to the park! The cat litter dumper is known to all, and it's unfortunate there are no laws to prevent this behavior.

-MPNA FB Group hit 400 members in June. Consider joining the MPNA FB Group as there is lots of information shared about the community, preservation, crime, and events!

-Brown Coffee Co. is closing at 1702 W. Kings Hwy in the coming months. Until they close, bags of coffee will be \$10 on Saturdays only, open 9AM-3PM. They will be relocating to Southtown.

-Please take time to attend an MPNA meeting, purchase a Monticello Bello T-Shirt, write a letter to your elected officials regarding the San Antonio Comprehensive Plan, or attend an upcoming social.

-Fredericksburg Road Corridor Study and Design Strategy Meeting #2 date has not been set. We will send a separate flyer in the month of August.

-Reminder! Please trim back your alley!

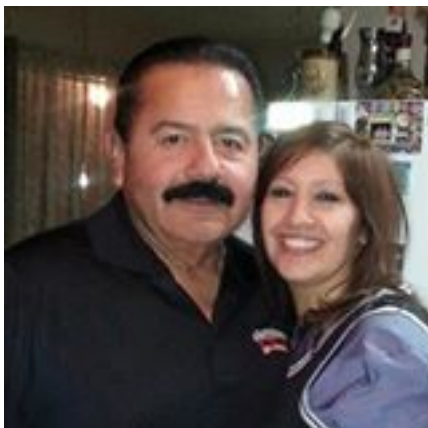
Stay cool this summer.

Regards,  
Bianca Maldonado

## SAPD Officer Marcos Serda Retires

Congratulations to Officer Marcos Serda on his retirement. He joined SAPD on August 16, 1982 and became a SAFFE Officer in 2004. Officer Serda was assigned to MPNA for about 7 years as our community SAFFE Officer. Even when MPNA received a new SAFFE Officer, he still provided back up support for MPNA.

He is dedicated to his job and our city: he gave chase to a young male suspect (over a fence) to apprehend just a few years ago. Many of us know him for his stories of arresting suspects, working with graffiti (he knew their signs and signatures), giving crime tips, running radar on our neighborhood streets, providing home safety inspections, briefing us on crime activity at general assembly meetings, escorting McGruff to national night out, and his making our community safe.



Many may not know how much Officer Serda has assisted in our community, assigned to us or not, but he left his mark on MPNA and leaves behind large shoes to fill. He answered the phone even when he was on vacation and responded while out of office.

After 33.5 years of service, we wish him and his wife the best as they embark on the next chapter of life.

## Red, White, and Blue Children's Parade at Woodlawn Lake



Many thanks to the MPNA Volunteers who made the Children's Parade a success. The parade started over 17 years ago by MPNA in the streets of the community was transitioned to the park when the City brought its official 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration activities to Woodlawn Lake. MPNA is thabkful for all of the donations received to make this event a success for the children of San Antonio.

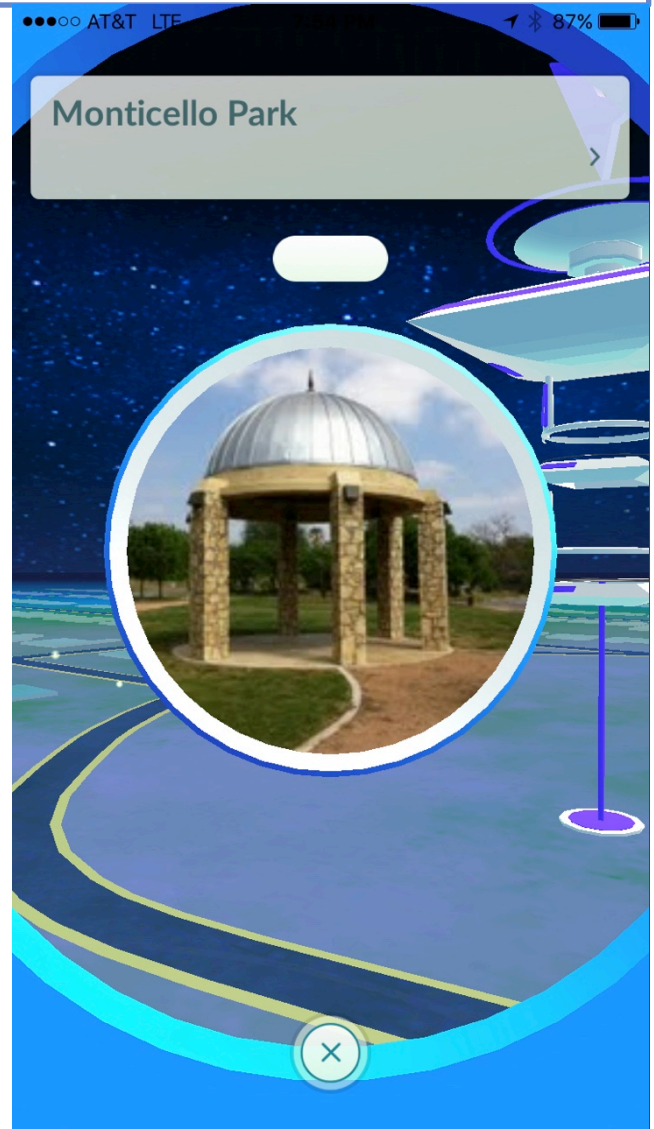
For those who will understand what in the world it means:

Close and interesting Pokestops:

\*\*Monticello Park (see attached pic), the church at Donaldson and Kampmann, the iron sculpture at Bihl Haus, the entrance to Monticello Park Historic District off of Woodlawn (the fountain thing), with a few more at Woodlawn Lake.

\*\*Known Pokegyms: Jefferson High School (the new band marching field), Grace Presbyterian Church (where we hold our community meetings!!!), Bihl Haus, Woodlawn Lake.

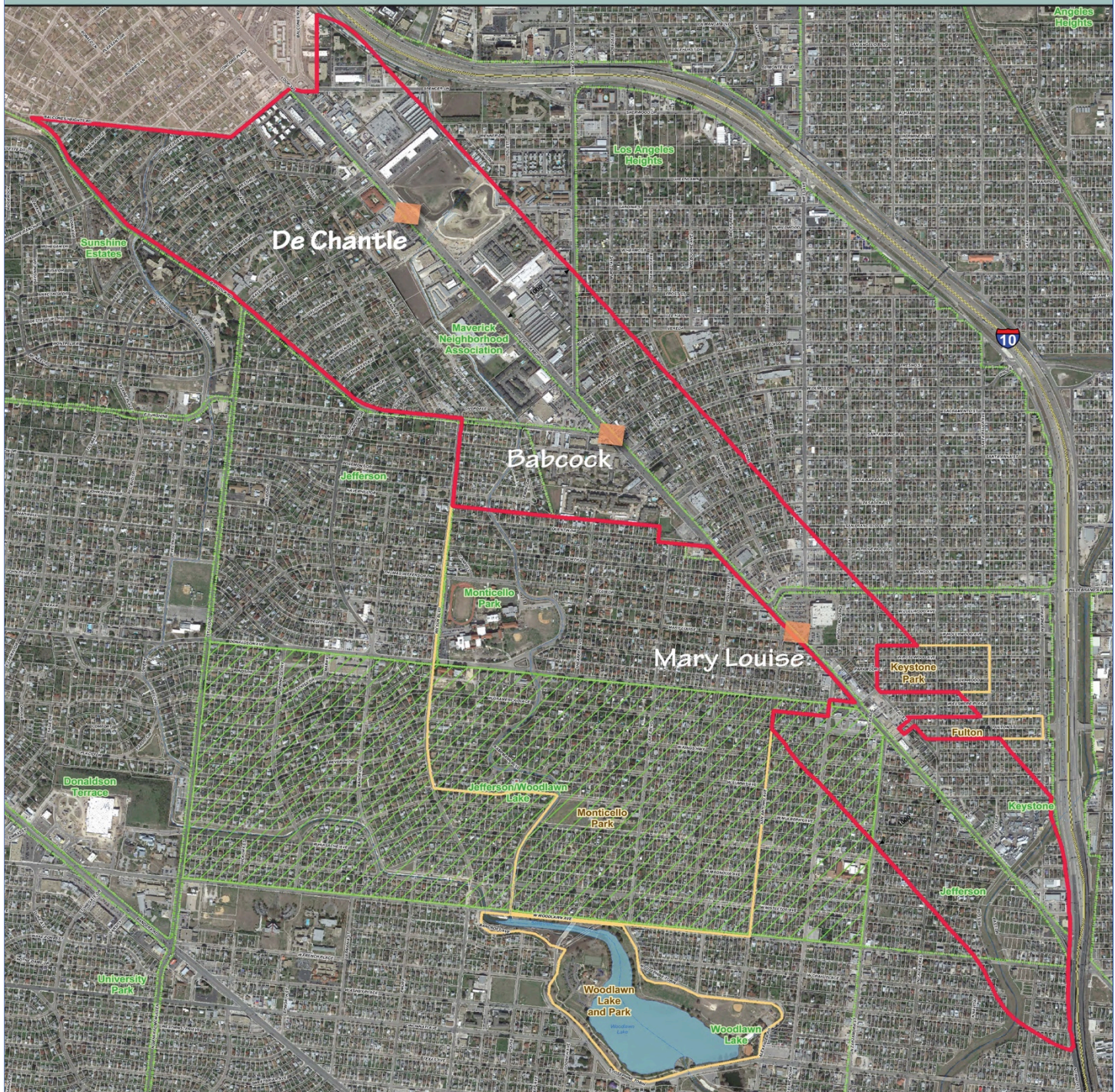
\*\*Downtown, of course, seems to have a Pokestop every block, with the Alamo being a Pokegym.





# Fredericksburg Road Corridor Study and Design Strategy

## Study Area Boundary

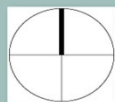


### Map Legend

Project Boundary



Primo Stations



Approximate scale

0 .25 mile .5 mile 1 mile

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# Fredericksburg Road Corridor Study and Design Strategy



## Opportunities

- Increase in property values
- Investment in transit
- Regulatory controls (zoning/conservation district/design standards and guidelines)
- Demographic shift - younger, more affluent residents
- Infrastructure improvements
- Inventory of historic buildings (Deco District)
- Active arts community
- Active business community
- Well-established neighborhoods
- Vacant or under utilized land parcels (infill sites)
- Vacant or under utilized buildings
- Wide ROW allowing for increased sidewalk width
- Landscaping/streetscape

## Opportunities and Challenges

### Study Area Boundary

Hazardous Ped Environment

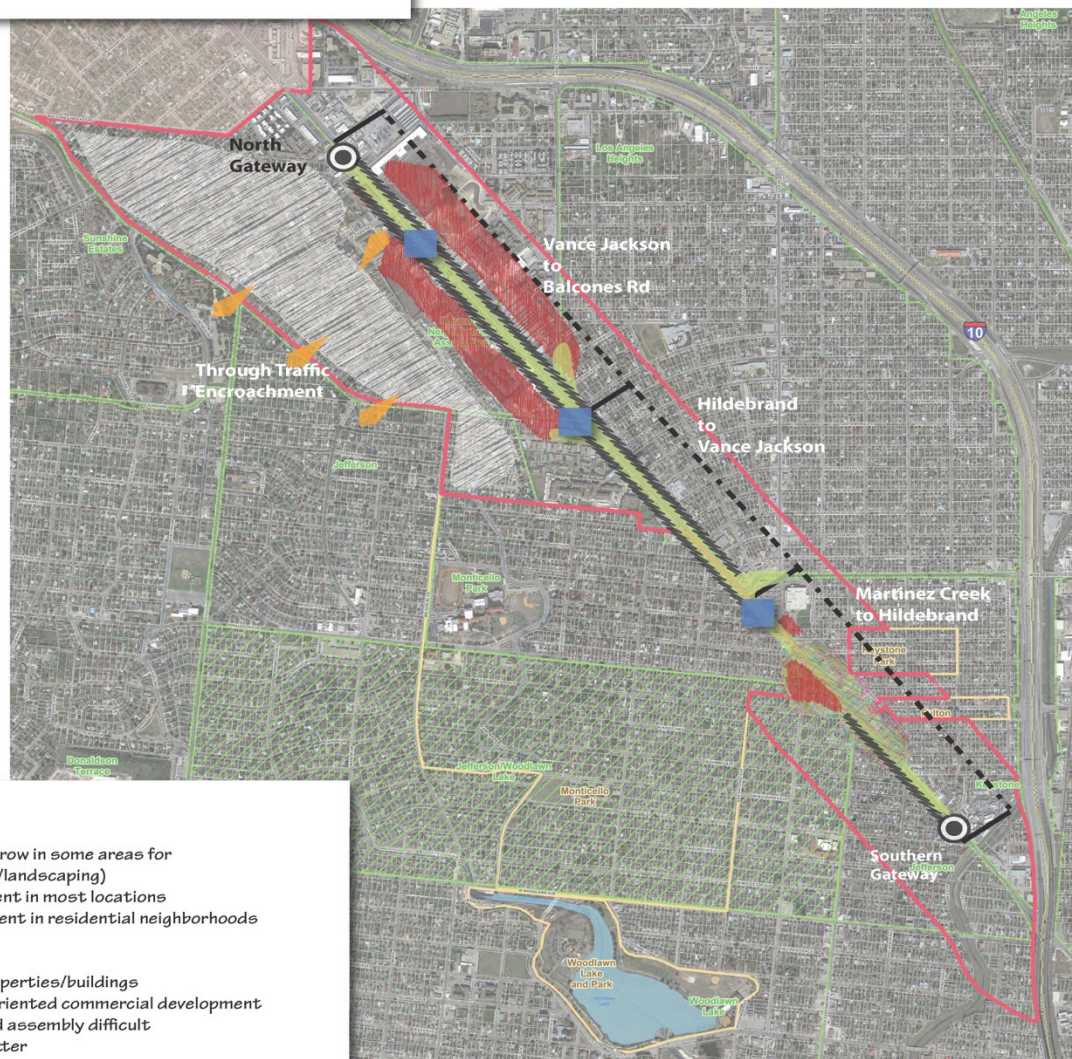
Redevelopment Opportunities

Preserve Established Residential Neighborhoods

Historic District

Corridor Street Scope

Primo Station



## Challenges

- Funding
- Established ROW (too narrow in some areas for increase in sidewalk width/landscaping)
- Poor pedestrian environment in most locations
- Through traffic encroachment in residential neighborhoods
- Vagrancy, crime, safety
- Traffic volumes and speed
- Derelict/under utilized properties/buildings
- Predominant strip/auto-oriented commercial development
- "Parcelization" making land assembly difficult
- Overhead wires, utility clutter
- Large scaled signs - visual clutter
- Building facades (architectural continuity)
- Pedestrian safety
- Environmental degradation/pollution/"heat island" effect



It's time again for all of our friends and neighbors in Monticello Park to gather on a Friday night to celebrate the end of the work week. Come join us to talk about your home, your family, your car, your pets – even your job if you have to. Every two months we celebrate the Pink Flamingo Social in Monticello Park by visiting one of your neighbors who has been so kind to donate his yard for the gathering.

This month's Pink Flamingo Social will take place on **29 July at 7:00 PM** and our host will be Giamo Lorea who resides at 226 North Drive. Neighbors are asked to bring covered dishes to share to include desserts. Our host will provide drinks, but you are welcome to bring beer, wine and other drinks for yourself and others to enjoy.

This is a “family” neighborhood event. We hope to see you there and be sure to drag your neighbor along. For more information, please contact Ressie O'Connors at (210) 284-0092.

## History of the Pink Flamingo

We started the Pink Flamingo Social last year and some people have asked me where we came up with the idea. We stole it! Actually, we borrowed the idea (that sounds better than stole the idea). Anyway several years ago while watching *Curb Appeal the Block*, one particular episode stuck with Charlie. I remember so clearly Charlie telling me that he would love for us to live in a neighborhood where we could institute the Pink Flamingo idea.

If you have never seen *Curb Appeal the Block*, the premise was that a crew would come in and update the outside of a home in sad shape, then they would do mini-updates on two other homes on the same street. This particular episode was about a couple that wanted the front of their home to reflect their personalities and be of the same quality of homes that were throughout their neighborhood. They said weekly, a different family would display the Pink Flamingo that would indicate to the rest of the neighbors that the neighborhood social would be at their home come Friday night. After their update was completed, they proudly hosted their neighborhoods Pink Flamingo Social.

Last year Charlie decided that we now live in a neighborhood that would appreciate and participate in Pink Flamingo Socials. Our neighborhood purchased a large Pink Flamingo and the Pink Flamingo socials began and continue every other month after the General Assembly meetings. That way we can post the date of the next social in the newsletter in addition to announcing it at the General Assembly meeting.

If you would like to host a Pink Flamingo Social, please contact Ressie O'Connors at 210 284 0092. If you haven't attended a Pink Flamingo social you, are missing great fun, wonderful neighbors and incredible food. Hope to see you soon at one of the upcoming Pink Flamingo Socials!



The SA Comprehensive Plan outlines the future policies and goals for our growing City. I was asked to serve on the Historic and Cultural Preservation Plan Element Work Group (PEWG) for the SA Comprehensive Plan. In hindsight, I wish I would have served on Housing PEWG after reading the entire plan and its blueprint.

MPNA has serious concerns regarding the effect of the new Comprehensive Plan on our neighborhood and the City of San Antonio as a whole, especially as it relates to already existing Near NW Community Plan. The goals and policies and their priorities within the plan speak little to single family home retention and incentives for rehabilitation and restoration.

The plan draft is 375 pages and following are pages of concerns:

Chapter 1 (1.3), Chapter 8 (8.5, 8.7, 8.12), Chapter 10 (10.8, 10.10, 10.12), Chapter 17 (17.14 & 17.15) and Chapter 18 (18.2, 18.3, 18.7 & 18.8) are especially relevant.

Chapter 1 (1.3) and Chapter 17 (17.14) contradict each other as they relate to replacing Neighborhood and other Plans.

The Plan should be the best that it can be in planning for the future while protecting and preserving the neighborhoods, culture and history of the past. While planning for the next million people, it is important that the quality of life for the current 1.3 million be given equal treatment.

Please join MPNA in voicing your concerns via email to all elected officials on City Council.

### **Neighborhood Concerns with the SA Comprehensive Plan:**

#### **WHAT DO SAN ANTONIO'S NEIGHBORHOODS WANT FROM THE CITY'S NEW MASTER PLAN?**

The Comprehensive Plan Draft challenges neighborhoods by encouraging incentivized, high density infill development to mostly single family neighborhoods. Existing Neighborhood Plans, Community Plans, Sector Plans and Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD) Design Guidelines are vulnerable and some will be eliminated.

##### **1. LACK OF NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP REPRESENTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

When the City initiated the process for a new Master Plan in 2015, over 200 stakeholders served on 9 Plan Element Working Groups (PEWGs) which included Housing, Jobs, Military, Transportation, Public Facilities, Natural Resources, Community Health, Growth, and Historic & Cultural Preservation. San Antonio has 353 neighborhoods: only 5 individuals represented San Antonio's neighborhoods serving on one PEWG: These individuals were only invited and participated on the Historic and Cultural Preservation PEWG.

Neighborhoods were not represented on the remaining 8 PEWGs where important planning decisions affecting neighborhoods were drafted into policies and goals.

Neighborhood Associations must be involved in a process where the context of existing plans, including land use plans, will change to add incentivized high density infill development. City staff maintains that there has been wide neighborhood participation in the Comprehensive Plan. Staff responds by stating people from different neighborhoods attended public presentations and therefore were involved.

**The ability of having limited input is very different from having input on a Plan where there was no representation by neighborhoods experiencing the impact and effects of this Plan.**

##### **2. EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS, COMMUNITY PLANS, NCD DESIGN GUIDELINES, SECTOR PLANS, MASTER PLANS, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, ETC. WILL BE ELIMINATED AND/OR REPLACED**

The Comprehensive Plan Draft targets neighborhoods to accommodate the expected addition of 1.1 million new residents to the city. The SA Comprehensive Plan is being utilized as justification for monies in the 2017-2018 City Budget and 2017 \$850 Million Bond dollars to expand the incentives for higher density infill development and rezoning:

***"New Community Plans will replace two plan types, neighborhood and community plans. New Community Plans should cover areas with a minimum of 10,000 residents and range in size from 15 to 30 Square miles" (Comprehensive Plan Draft, Sect.17-14).***

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Since 1985, over 650 neighborhood stakeholders worked 18–24 months developing 37 Neighborhood Plans, nine Neighborhood Conservation Districts, 15 Community Plans and 32 neighborhood groupings plans, i.e. Sector Plans, Master Plans, Overlay Districts, etc. Many plans required five year updates and input from the stakeholders.

**Neighborhood, Land Use, Community Plans, Sector Plans and Neighborhood Conservation District design guidelines, Master Plans, Overlay Districts, etc., must be UPDATED AND INCLUDED prior to any proposed Regional Plan, New Community Plans, Transportation Plan, Corridor Plans, Citywide Functional Plans, Sub-Area Plans or Specific Plan being developed or adopted!**

**3. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT HAS NO FORMAL PROCESS FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SUBMIT INPUT OR OFFER REVISIONS.**

Changes to the Plan Draft have been submitted to City Council staff after learning the Comprehensive Plan Draft eliminated years of hard work by over 650 neighborhood stakeholders. No date has been provided for the Comprehensive Plan Draft revisions. The SA Planning Commissions is slated to approve the SA Comprehensive Plan on July 27<sup>th</sup> before City Council Approves it on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**A process to submit public comment and changes by neighborhood leadership and PEWG members is necessary in order for there to be representation by those who are most affected by many of the Comprehensive Plan Draft's target areas. Additional time is needed by the Planning Commission, City Council, the Public and neighborhood leadership to have input into the revised Comprehensive Plan.**



## Congratulations to the recipients of the 2016 MPNA Scholarships

MPNA in conjunction with a generous donation from the Jefferson Woodlawn Lake Community Development Corporation awarded \$11,250 to 11 graduating high school seniors! Below are the recipients, their high school and college of university of enrollment post-graduation.

Osvaldo Reyna	Thomas Jefferson High School	San Antonio College
Juliana Lopez	Young Women's Leadership Academy	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Klarissa Valdez	Thomas Jefferson High School	UT Austin
Nadia Balderas	Young Women's Leadership Academy	Yale
Meg Garcia	Young Women's Leadership Academy	University of Connecticut
Andrea Sierra	Young Women's Leadership Academy	UT Dallas
Adriana Avendano	Young Women's Leadership Academy	Carnegie Mellon University
Corina Lobo	Young Women's Leadership Academy	Georgetown University
Madison Rodriguez	Young Women's Leadership Academy	Southern Methodist University
Nizhoni Begay	Incarnate Word High School	Stanford
Briana Fabela	Young Women's Leadership Academy	Texas A&M University

# Monticello Park Neighborhood Association 2016 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 2016 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, 2017 and can be turned in to any MPNA board member or mailed. Projects must be completed between 1/1/2016 and 1/31/2017.**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

PhoneNumber\_\_\_\_\_

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.

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## **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.

## Alleys, Streets, Sidewalks, and Traffic Calming initiatives in MPNA

The MPNA board is working with the City's Transportation and Capital Improvements on the following:

Here is the list of traffic and some other TCI open concerns. I just listed everything but for the MPNA board meeting #2, 3, 5, and 8. MPNA board meeting 6:30 PM 1800 Fredericksburg Rd park in back and enter through rear of building on Monday July 11. Thanks BM 210.385.6188

- 1). Mary Louise/ Furr Alley between San Antonio and Vollum was scheduled for work on the Infrastructure Maintenance Program for 2016 and was removed. MPNA is awaiting a response to reschedule. Conveniently TCI has no documentation of it being scheduled but MPNA has a hard copy of the original schedule.
- 2). Traffic reconfiguration at Club Dr, Fredericksburg Rd and W. Hildebrand for vehicular and pedestrian safety. TCI is studying the traffic flow through this intersection. Recommendations are expected in 90-120 days.
- 3) HEB/Mary Louise/Fredericksburg Rd intersection- Cars exiting the HEB at light turning westbound on to Fredericksburg Rd should have a NO TURN on Red. This was promised to MPNA by VIA but never was posted. MPNA is working with TCI and VIA to have it installed.
- 4). New Historic District Street Sign at Furr Drive and Fredericksburg says "Furr Road" should be Furr Drive. Sign has been corrected
- 5). 4-way stop sign at North Drive and Lake Blvd is being evaluated for ensuring which vehicle has the right of way and address line of sight issues. Please note stop signs are not used by the City to address speeding.
- 6) Rubber Speed Humps on Club Drive will be removed. Asphalt speed humps will go back in their place on Club Dr but may be solid or baguettes style with separations. MPNA is awaiting final decision from TCI.
- 7) Traffic Calming initiatives for Kampmann to reduce speeding around curves. MPNA will be filling out a traffic calming study request and will need property owner support to have TCI evaluate and offer suggestions.
- 8) Parking Restrictions for parking at the curb for the 1100-1300 blocks of Kampmann (from Mary Louise to North Dr). MPNA met with TCI and SAISD to receive support of no parking at the curb from 7-9AM and 2-5PM School days only on both sides of these blocks. This is to ensure all day parking at the curb is curtailed by TJHS.
- 9). IMP schedule to fill in the gaps of sidewalk on Lake Boulevard. MPNA needs sidewalks between Donaldson Avenue to Mary Louise: 3 homes need a sidewalk on their side yards. Sidewalk only on Westside on Lake Boulevard. Awaiting scheduling.
- 10) Mary Louise/ Club Alley between Lake and Vollum was removed from the IMP. Flooding at 3 homes is extreme and demands regarding for proper drainage. MPNA is waiting on TCI to reschedule on the IMP. We have documentation of its removal from the IMP.
- 11) IMP to schedule roadway repair from 200-500 blocks of Donaldson Avenue. VIA bus route, low PCI scores, several severe water leaks some in multiple locations, and street was also zippered cut. SAWS needs to do water main repairs and should also be held accountable for street repair as they have a direct impact on the deteriorated rate of street for multiple penetrations. This was also the main route for construction traffic at TJHS.
- 12). Straightening of street signs and update of faded historic district street signs over 25 intersections were reported. Awaiting updates on all. The City has a large order of stop signs on back order. You may have noticed some replaced recently and this is in anticipation of school starting. More information to come.
- 13) Alley on the 300 block of North/300 block of Quentin was removed from the IMP and MPNA is requesting that it be scheduled for 2018 to match the 2 alleys directly east: do the entire alley at one time.
- 14) Traffic Calming initiatives-MPNA will be reaching out to additional residents for locations where speeding is occurring during the month of August.

Please check for updates on the MPNA FB page.

Be safe, Wave at your neighbors as you drive down and street and smile!



# Helping our students achieve greatness through professional attire

by Liberty Heise

In our neighborhood, there are students walking home from school most afternoons. They come from a variety of different schools and bus stops and some of them come from a very special school – KIPP Camino Academy. KIPP stands for Knowledge Is Power Program. I have been a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher at KIPP Camino Academy, a 5-8 Grade middle school located on Commerce Ave, since 2014. This year, I will become the school's Assistant School Leader, similar to an Assistant Principal. One of the important changes we have created for our students is a more professional dress code. I know, some people may think, "Dress code! Don't you have bigger issues to worry about in an inner city school?" The answer to that question is, "Yes." We have much bigger issues but dress code has a very important role in the biggest issue of getting our students to and through college. In a February 2016 article in the Wall Street Journal, Ray Smith describes how professional dress improves productivity and mindset. "...Wearing more formal attire can send others a signal about you being successful and real confident in whatever you're doing. [A number of] studies offer indications that wearing nicer clothes may raise one's confidence level, affect how others perceive the wearer, and in some cases even boost the level of one's abstract thinking, the type in which leaders engage."

At KIPP Camino Academy, our students focus on what it will take to be an academic leader in order to get to and through college and become an outstanding community member. Our students and parents are committed to breaking the cycle of poverty and disadvantage that many of them have lived in for generations. One sure way of change is getting a college education and giving back to their communities. Each year, faculty and staff brainstorm ways to improve our practices and help our students become better learners, better citizens and reach the goals they set out for themselves. Students already have a set dress code of polo, khaki pants and sports shoes. Students also can be seen in their legendary KIPP hoodie. Although comfortable, this attire doesn't have the desired professional effect we want each student to possess. This upcoming academic year, students will have a new dress code of black slacks, black dress shoes, a polo and cardigan sweater. In addition, on Monday of each week everyone attending school, including faculty and staff will dress in "Professional Wear". This will include a crisp white dress shirt and a tie of the student's choosing.

KIPP Camino Academy student leaders need your help! In addition to the new attire, students may find it challenging to purchase dress shoes and a tie for their Professional Dress Mondays. Living and thriving in this beautiful neighborhood, I have met many professionals who know the importance of looking and feeling your best. If you have some ties, bowties or black dress shoes that you are no longer using and would be willing to donate you may bring those items to drop off at our house at 268 North Drive. You may also bring them by our campus located at 4343 W. Commerce which is just at the south end of General McMullen or Wilson/24<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have these items but would like to fund a student or are interested in hearing more about our KIPP San Antonio schools, please email me at [lheise@kippsa.org](mailto:lheise@kippsa.org) and I will send you the link to donate funds.

As with the best community involvement, your participation and ideas are what makes this place the best neighborhood in San Antonio. I thank you for being the best neighbors I've ever had and for providing some extra help to those who are trying to get to a place very few in their families have ever been, college and beyond!



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*The Pink Flamingo Social was held at the Sanchez home on North Drive.*



# HISTORIC HOMEDOWNER FAIR

Saturday, August 27 - Pearl Stable



The 8th Annual Historic Homeowner Fair (HHF) will be Saturday, August 27, 2016, at the Pearl Stable. The HHF is a free, annual event hosted by the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation. It is designed to bring together owners of aging and historic homes with local professionals, services, products, and solutions and to educate homeowners about caring for and maintaining their properties. In addition to an Exhibitor Hall of local contractors and preservation organizations, the HHF provides educational sessions and hands-on demonstrations throughout the day which cover a wide array of topics including wood window repair, securing financing for a project, and even landscaping.

This year, we are excited to welcome keynote speaker **Brent Hull**, Owner & President of Hull Historical. Brent is a nationally recognized authority on historic design, architecturally correct moldings and millwork. Brent and his team of craftsmen at Hull Historical will be featured on a **new show** on a major cable network this fall!