

Monticello Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



September - October 2014

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Jan Peranteau

“Welcome Aboard” to a new café in the district. The name is Deco Café, and it has taken the place of Café Tutti. Located at the end of Furr Drive near Fredericksburg Road, this restaurant offers sandwiches and salads for lunch as well as various coffees throughout the day. Tea, hot or cold, is sold along with bottled drinks. A breakfast menu includes blueberry pancakes, breakfast sandwiches, oatmeal, fresh fruit, and muffins or bagels. For those with a sweet tooth, fresh cupcakes and scones are made daily and cookies made every other day.

Jesse Camacho, chef and manager, spoke of his goals for the restaurant. “I want to offer a better quality of food. It’s time for a change. I want to bring a healthier menu to the Deco District. In October, we will begin making soups and stews. When asked how this place will differ from Café Tutti, he said, “We will be getting away from tacos and burgers. We want to give the Deco District healthier food choices.” When asked who owns the place, Camacho said, “a group of private investors. “ He declined identifying these people further.

The place does look different. Much has been removed such as a couch and bookshelves along the wall. The color is a burnt orange with wood tones for accents. Camacho said he repainted a purple wall with earth tones. The colors make one think of coffee. The very same simple tables and chairs invite customers to sit down and have a cup of coffee and perhaps a scone. Customers go to the bar to place their orders. When order is ready, it is brought to the table.

Camacho describes his experience in the world of food. “I was in the military for 22 years.”continued on page 3



*Jesse Camacho of Deco Café,
welcomes neighbors to his
new shop in the
neighborhood.*

PLEASE COME TO THE
Monticello Park
Neighborhood Association
General Assembly Meeting

**Monday,
September 29**

7PM
950 Donaldson
Grace Presbyterian Church

Program:

**San Antonio Water
System (SAWS)**

Vista Ridge Project

President's Message

Greetings Neighbors!

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the cooler temperatures!

Getting to the heart of the message as there is a lot to share: SAWS September General Assembly Speaker: SAWS will be providing information on the Vista Ridge Pipeline Project. The project will provide infrastructure to bring water from central Texas to San Antonio. An agreement with Vista Ridge would allow SAWS to diversify its water sources therefore decreasing dependence on the Edwards Aquifer. The impact to SAWS customers, if approved, is estimated to be a 16% rate increase to the average SAWS customer for construction of the pipeline.

Thomas Jefferson High School: School is back in session and construction is underway! MPNA has asked SAISD to provide a traffic plan (student pick up/drop off and bus routes) during construction to ease flow of traffic through the community and eliminate bus pick up and drop off occurring in the middle of the street. Several vehicles have been parked on the 500 block of Club for 12 or more hours daily. SAISD will be closing the gap in the fencing on the 500 block of Club to eliminate all the on-street parking and pick up/drop off occurring by parents and buses.

Laddie Place III: Bexar County reports Laddie Place III is ahead of schedule and will be completed in November. The completion date is specific to the drainage component of the project that will initiate the 100-year flood plain review. Several homes within MPNA along Kampmann will be removed from the 100-year flood plain when Laddie III is operational.

Thesopian Island 2012 Bond Improvements: The City of San Antonio will be holding a meeting in the next 45 days to unveil planned improvements to the island located at the intersection of Kampmann and Donaldson. The improvements will bring improve traffic flow surrounding the island.

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“During that time, I was one of four personal chefs for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and military advisor to the President.”

“We were responsible for official entertainment (food preparation} for congressmen and various other officials.” He said he has had 25 years in food service.

When asked about community response, he said, “A lot of individuals are coming from this neighborhood. Friends on Facebook have talked about us. College students come in to use the wi-fi. And some neighbors have brought garden vegetables that we have used. “ He added, “I want to thank the community for supporting us.”

So, on that day when you don't know what to have for breakfast or lunch, give the Deco Café a try. Doors are open from 7AM to 3PM, Monday through Saturday.

Hello Monticello Park Neighbors!

Are you interested in participating in a "Shred Event" sponsored by our local branch of First Mark Bank? This shred event is the perfect opportunity for you to eliminate all those old billing statements, documents and other personal paperwork that are no longer needed. If there is enough interest in this event it will be held on

Saturday, October 18th

Any questions, please contact Kathy Hernandez (210) 732-8978.



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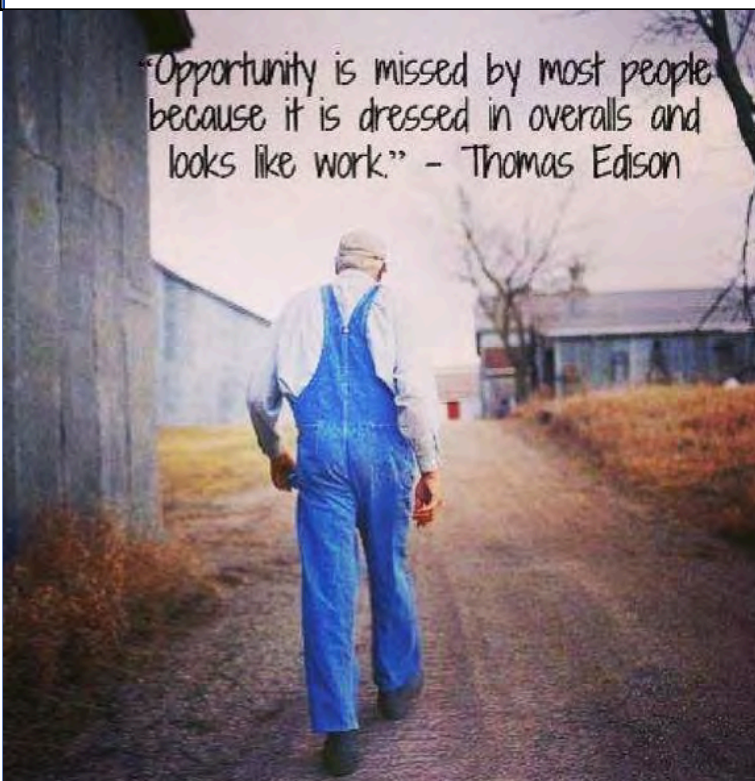
Look for Monticello Park Neighborhood Association



Our current Facebook page has 171 members, and we share information that is gossipy, friendly, informative, and important. We let each other know about crimes in the neighborhood, activities, and just general goings-on.

We are connected to our Councilman's office, the local police, and the school district.

JOIN THE FUN!!!!



President's Message continued from page 2.....

D7 Interim Councilwoman Mari Aguirre Rodriguez: The interim council position is from August 14th to October 10th. MPNA welcomes the opportunity to work with Councilwoman. Please note there have been some staff changes within the D7 office which have brought new people into the D7 Office:

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Seeling Channel Phase I: Phase I is expected to be completed in February 2015. This will also include tree planting and restoration of all the earth surrounding Seeling Channel from Woodlawn Lake Park to Wilson Rd.

Seeling Channel Phase II 2012 Bond Improvements: The City of San Antonio will be holding a meeting to update the community on changes to the Seeling Channel Phase II project. The 2012 Bond provided \$24.6 Million for Seeling Channel Phase II: drainage channel improvements from Wilson to St Cloud. The City has entered into 40% design and the scope of the project has changed: phase II will be channel improvements from Wilson to Morning Glory. The streets running parallel to the drainage channel and bridges over the channel will require more work than initially estimated. An additional \$20 Million will be needed to complete the scope: drainage channel improvements from Morning Glory to St. Cloud.

Jack in the Box: Have you noticed the overhead parking lot lights out since early August? Concerned residents contacted MPNA as a 24hr business operating without overhead lighting is safety concern. A part has been on order and the manager assured me the repairs are a priority, so we hope it will be lit soon!

2014 City of San Antonio Tree Challenge: Congratulations! MPNA has won the tree challenge and we will be receiving 25 trees for our community. Mark your calendars, we will be planting on Saturday November 22nd 9AM-12PM meet at Monticello Park 444 Club Dr.

Community Clean up in August: Much Thanks to the residents of MPNA and JNA for assisting with trash cleanup within our community and graffiti removal. It is remarkable the difference made in the community!

National Night Out: Join your neighbors and Jefferson Neighborhood Association for a night of community fun! Bring the kids, as we will have face painting and bounce house! Look forward to seeing you then!

Thanks for reading. See you at the end of the month!

Bianca Maldonado
President
Monticello Park Neighborhood Association



What's fresh at Centro Cultural Aztlan? The grand opening of Deco Mercado Days starting July 19, 2014 and recurring every third Saturday of the month through December is!. The Deco Mercado Days will offer a broad range of fresh produce from nearby farmers and other homemade products like honey, baked goods and eggs. In addition, flowers, bedding plants and other unique vendors such as artisans, designers and makers of rare specialty items, all to create the Deco Mercado Days a fun place to shop and socialize every third Saturday of the month.

The Deco Mercado Days is 100% producer only, meaning there will be no products that have been purchased elsewhere and are being resold. All products and produce are from within a 75-mile radius of Bexar County, guaranteeing freshness and a sense of pride to our local landscape.

The Jefferson/Woodlawn Community Development Corp will be partnering with Centro Cultural Aztlan, utilizing the Deco Building facility and parking lot for the market. Since the renovation of the Deco Building and year-round season of cultural activities presented by Centro Aztlan, community rebuilding and positive economic energy has been established. With Mercado Days, we will be able to boost the positive economic growth for the Deco District/Fredericksburg Road Corridor and continue to strengthen existing ties that have been created with area businesses and residents of Keystone, Monticello Park, and Jefferson/Woodlawn Lake neighborhood associations. Network for Young Artists will also be a participating partner, highlighting local musicians and performers to enhance the overall family atmosphere of the Deco Mercado Days.

Centro Aztlan will also include a wellness component through organizations that will offer monthly health screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, and blood drives. Also, fitness demos in Yoga, Tai Chi, Karate, and Zumba will be offered with knowledgeable instructors, dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of the residents in our community. Look for others at the site such as nonprofit organizations that offer community services such as Pet Adoptions, Vaccinations, and Spay & Neuter Programs.

For more information on obtaining a booth for the Deco Mercado Days, please contact us at Centro Cultural Aztlan, 1800 Fredericksburg Rd. Suite 103, and Monday thru Friday at 210-432-1896, or email us at czaztlan@swbell.net or centroaztlan@sbcglobal.net.

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At Home in Monticello

Put on your walking shoes and come visit “At Home in Monticello”, the 14th Biennial Tour of Homes, Sunday, November 2, 2014. The committee has had fun visiting in each other’s homes and planning ways to make this the “Best Ever Tour of Homes. “ There are plenty of new ideas floating around. We have six homes to share with the neighborhood and city at large.

Pre-Sale tickets will be \$12 this year with tickets \$15 on the day of the tour. We encourage groups to buy tickets early, so if you belong to a special club, please encourage your group to buy a block of tickets. We cannot promise a beautiful day, but hopefully the weather will be cooler and you can explore all the nooks and crannies of these historic homes, built as early as the 1920’s-1940s. Various architectural styles abound in the neighborhood from English Tutor, Spanish Colonial, Revival, Neo-Classical, Italianate and Art Moderne. Light refreshments will be served at each house so take your time and know that thirsts will be quenched and appetites kept at bay. Committee members will be selling pre-sale tickets and ticket sales will be held at the Monticello Park pocket park Gazebo on the day of the tour. You may tour the homes from 11:00am-5:00pm on the day of the tour. Jefferson High School architectural students will be greeters at the individual houses. Jefferson High School Art Students will draw sketches of each house on tour for the booklet.

This is a chance to make our neighborhood shine. So let’s all tidy up our individual homes and clear clutter from our yards and porches. We’ll want a big brass band marching through the streets to proclaim our pride.

Let’s all give a big thanks to all committee members for a job almost complete.

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Vista Ridge Pipeline

A new game-changing water project has been proposed for San Antonio. For the next 30 years and beyond it would provide the largest non-Edwards Aquifer supply in our city's history.

Water is the basis for San Antonio's prosperity. New water supplies will move the city forward for decades to come.



We have to support our community's expansive growth and diverse economy. That's why we need to provide water supplies that are not only sufficient, but abundant for years to come.

— Heriberto "Berto" Guerra Jr.
SAWS Chairman



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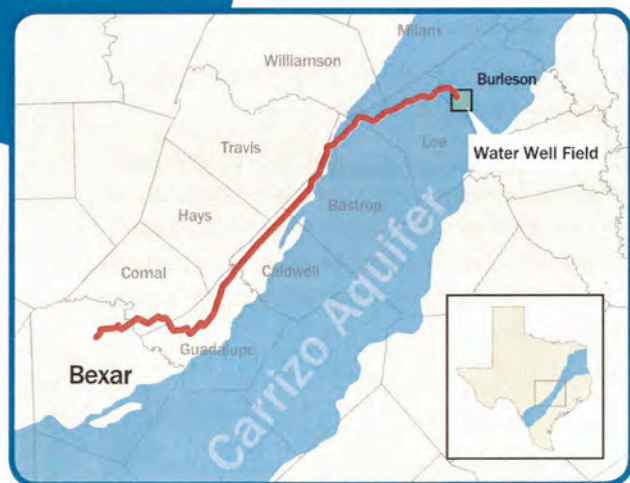
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Vista Ridge Pipeline



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Who is proposing the Vista Ridge Pipeline?

A: The group proposing the project is the Vista Ridge Consortium partners. Abengoa Water USA brings its experience completing a wide range of water treatment and infrastructure projects around the world. Blue Water Systems L.P. provides years of experience identifying and developing a demonstrably secure long-term water supply solution to this project.

Q: Why do we need to make a decision on this project now?

A: With this project, San Antonio will be able to purchase a long-term future water supply at today's prices and would avoid competition for water.

Q: What will this project cost, and will rate increases be required?

A: Rate support would be required for any new water supply project. The final cost of the project is still being negotiated and could be shared with potential partners.

SAWS is looking at ways to minimize the impact on all customers, ensuring that basic services continue to be affordable.

Q: Will there be opposition to this project where the water is being produced?

A: There is currently no organized local opposition in Bureson County to this project. Over 3,400 local land-owners are leasing their water rights for the project, and the local groundwater district has granted 30-year permits to pump and transport the water to Bexar County.

Q: Is there an environmental benefit to this project?

A: Yes, this non-Edwards project will provide an environmental benefit to the Edwards Aquifer and spring flow in San Marcos and New Braunfels. This new supply will allow SAWS to continue storing Edwards water in its ASR for the benefit of springflow during extreme drought.

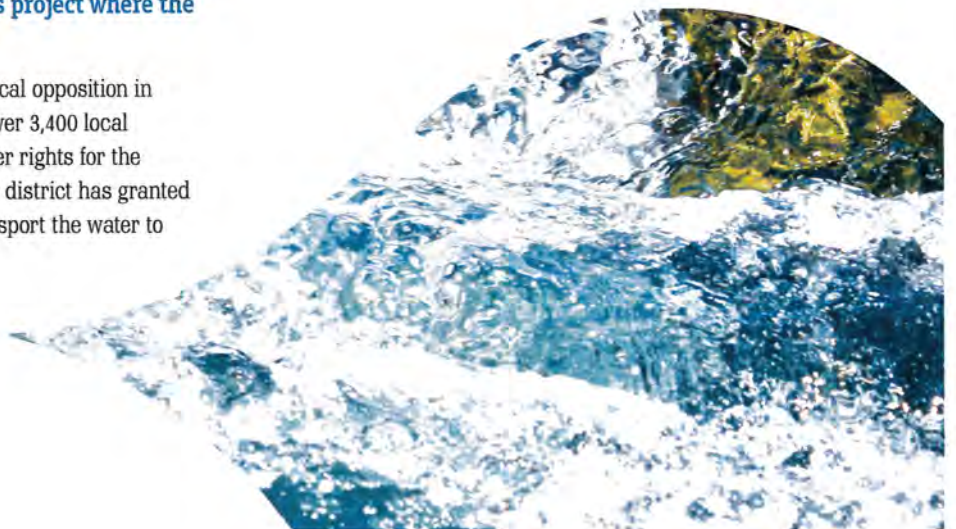
Q: Will we still have water restrictions with this project?

A: When online, this project will help ensure that San Antonio can avoid the need for extreme (Stages 3 and 4) drought measures for the foreseeable future.

Q: Will San Antonio abandon water conservation?

A: No. Water conservation remains a priority, and we plan to save enough water by 2020 to supply a city the size of New Braunfels for a year and a half.

For more information: SAWS.org



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The conjoined twins, Violet and Daisy Hilton once lived in San Antonio, but did you know that their home was on Vance Jackson Road near Fredericksburg Road? Almost next-door neighbors!

At the peak of their fame, the Hilton twins — Violet and Daisy — were young and beautiful, with long, curly hair and sultry eyes. They danced, sang and played the saxophone.

In the 1920s and 1930s, the Siamese twins were among the highest paid and most popular vaudeville performers, traveling the world and meeting the rich and famous.

Brought to San Antonio from Brighton, England, where they were born in 1906 or in 1908 - accounts vary - they lived with a guardian in a mansion on Vance Jackson Road. They never knew their mother, who either abandoned them or sold them. Newspaper accounts tell their story, as does a permanent exhibit of the twins at the Hertzberg Circus Museum in downtown San Antonio.

"They are strikingly beautiful, " gushed a 1924 article in the San Antonio Express, "highly educated in book lore and history and as refined as any other two young women in the universe. Were one to meet them, they would be mistaken for twin sisters standing together."

In 1931, when they were about 23, they starred in a bizarre courtroom drama that gripped and titillated San Antonio and the nation. The twins, alleging that their guardians, carnival promoters Edith and Myer Myers, kept them in virtual "bondage, " sought an injunction and proceeds from their shows.

At the time, income from performances around the world in sideshows, circuses and vaudeville reportedly topped \$2 million.

They stood together until 1969, when they died at the age of 60 after contracting the flu, in Charlotte, N.C., poor and alone.





Neighbors, Join JNA and MPNA for National Night Out 2014 Tuesday October 7th 6PM-8PM 444 Club Dr-Monticello Park

National Night Out is a neighborhood crime and drug prevention event that occurs annually.

In addition to increasing awareness of crime and drug prevention programs, NNO also strengthens neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships, while sending a message to criminals that "neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime!"

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