

# Monticello Park

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



November – December 2016



**December 4, 2016**  
**11 AM–5 PM**



## **HOLIDAY HOME TOUR**

### **& CHRISTMAS MARKET**

presented by  
THE MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

A self-guided tour of private homes  
and sites of interest in Historic Monticello Park

**TICKETS:**     **[www.monticelloparkna.com](http://www.monticelloparkna.com)**   or  
**758 Donaldson on Day of Tour**



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## President's Message

Happy Fall Neighbors!

I hope the cooler weather affords opportunities to work in the yard and to get ready for the upcoming holidays. Below are updates and helpful information for property owners.

The Home Tour Committee has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming tour in the Monticello Park Community: Please join us in celebrating the rich architecture of the community.

November 26, 2016 is Small Business Saturday. There are several small businesses in the Monticello Park greater community offering exceptional services and products. Please take the time to discover these gems on a day dedicated to their businesses.

Keep Monticello Bello- green t-shirts are still available for \$10 each. Excellent gift for a neighbor or friends of MPNA. Please Contact Board Member Laura Reid to purchase.

A City of San Antonio Bond can bring an opportunity to address needs outside the scope of the City's annual budget. For example multimillion dollar projects can transform a community, bring new public facilities, complete reconstruction of older streets, enhanced pedestrian mobility, new parks/amenities, drainage improvements and the new housing bond. MPNA has asked for improvements and an update will be provided at the MPNA GA meeting.

May all of you have a wonderful holiday season. Be safe and hope to see you soon.

Best Regards,  
Bianca Maldonado

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### **HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

District 7 Council Office	207-7044
SAWS	724-7097
CPS	353-2222
Officer Vincent Cano	207-0803
	394-1398 (cell)

vincent.cano@sanantonio.gov

SAPD, West Substation	207-7420
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SAPD Emergency	911
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SAPD Non-emergency	207-7273
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SAISD Police	271-3124
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SAISD Truancy Office	223-2360
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VIA Transit	362-2020
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Code Compliance	311
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Animal Control	311
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Office of Historic	215-9274
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Preservation

Historic Building Enforcement Officer

report@sapreservation.com

# MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Jan Peranteau

A morning routine for Orlando Vera, principal of Thomas Jefferson High School, begins early. He may talk with a grounds keeper about the care of the newly refurbished rose gardens. He checks on staff to make sure all classes are covered or have a substitute. He speaks to parents and students about various concerns. He monitors the hallways to see that students are getting to their classrooms. He comes back to the office and usually finds a few students, parents, or neighborhood people like myself sitting on the long benches outside his office. The secretary, Angie Koebe, reminds him of various commitments for the day. Through it all, he smiles warmly at each person who walks into his office.

Vera has been in education for 35 years and in administration for 15 years. Before that, he was a teacher and a coach. Graduating from Eagle Pass High School, he came to San Antonio and earned his bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University. He received his master's degree in administration from Texas A&M at Kingsville. From there he went on to get another degree in administration from the University of Texas at San Antonio. As a well-educated man, he believes in the value of students succeeding in education and going to college or attaining a successful trade.

He set up the International Baccalaureate program that teaches students to give back to the community by being leaders and risk-takers. "This program is a leadership program and gives students a vision of life after high school." He also set up the AVID program, a college readiness program that utilizes students tutoring other students. The goal is college readiness. "I want to help students take advantage of what is offered.

More values need to be instilled. We have a graduation rate of 90 %. We want our students to get into Tier 1 schools like Trinity University here in San Antonio, as well as schools all over the country." When asked about his rate of getting students into Tier 1 schools, he said "We are at 2%, but plan to be at 5% this year." He said that many students use lack of money as the reason for not attending college



Please attend the  
Monticello Park  
Neighborhood Association  
General Assembly Meeting

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 28

7PM  
950 Donaldson  
Grace Presbyterian Church

Program:

Elections of Board of Directors

and

a presentation of the new  
development at 104 Babcock

*Orlando Vera, Principal at Thomas  
Jefferson High School greets us from  
his office.*

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Thank you to all of the residents of Jefferson and Monticello Park Neighborhood Associations who gathered for National Night Out on October 4th! It was a great evening of fellowship, fun, standing together against crime, and meeting community business owners and local elected officials. Over 175 neighbors came together for this annual celebration.



The event was a success made possible by the following sponsors:

Deco District HEB  
Jefferson Woodlawn Lake Community Development Corporation  
Starbucks.

Donations to the Raffle were a success due to the following businesses:

Birdhouses made by Mr. Bozarth of North Drive  
matted photograph of the Alamo by Troy Beshears of Club Drive  
Firstmark Credit Union  
Dibble's Hobbies  
HEB  
Jefferson Woodlawn Lake CDC  
Vee's Hair and Spa  
Chile Tomate Y Cebolla  
Starbucks  
Light House Seafood  
Deco Pizza  
Stella & Chuck Kierce  
Marie Cooper  
and an Anonymous neighbor



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Students a TJHS are required to be involved in an extra-curricular activity. "It can be athletics, Band, ROTC, or any of the various clubs on campus. We want to be connected to the community," he said.

The bond renovations are complete, but there are always tweaks that must be made. Contractors still must be called out when there is a problem. With the new bond passing, he throws up his hands. "More construction, more planning. It is all difficult to be under construction and be functioning as a school," Vera said. "Renovations inconvenience everyone: the students, the faculty, and the community at large." He said he is well aware of this and made apologies for all the trucks coming through the neighborhood. Vera concluded with, "We want to be a hub for the community. We want the neighborhood to feel free to use this place. They have been there for us and we want to be there to lend our assistance too."

"One of our biggest goals is that we are connected to the community," Vera added. As a part of the involvement TJHS will be a part of our "At Home in Monticello" Holiday Home Tour. Anyone going on the tour will be invited to view the historic beauty of the school as well as newly completed renovations." The tour is on Dec. 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at <http://www.monticelloparkna.com/> or at First Mark Credit Union. They may also be purchased at Vee's Beauty Salon. On the day of tour, tickets may be purchased at the United Methodist Church, Jackson Hall, located on Donaldson, across from TJHS. Friends and neighbors will have an opportunity to meet students from the TJHS as they guide visitors through these historic halls.

## Zonarte: El Mercado de Aztlan

Get your holiday shopping started November 18th -20th!

Preview the newest creations from Artists and Artisans from San Antonio and across Texas who offer their unique handmade gifts, original prints, paintings, sculptures, furniture jewelry, textiles, and *artesanía* during this annual Holiday Market.

Feast your eyes with the magnificent, creative artistry of our contributing artists and makers and get one-of-a-kind gifts for those family members and friends that are hard to shop for!

Centro Cultural  
Aztlan~1800  
Fredericksburg Road, suite  
103.  
210-432-1896



## Club Drive Concrete Construction Update!

The sod is going down and final inspections will be occurring shortly. Did all your questions get addressed? If not, don't wait! Speak up now. Here are the contacts:

Roy Stout, LAN On-site inspector 210.508.5825  
Stephen Anoil LAN Designer/Engineer 210.321.4317  
sjaniol@lan-inc.com  
Faustino Benavidez City of San Antonio 210.207.5804  
faustino.benavidez@sanantonio.gov

Once the concrete work is complete then the asphalt work will begin! It is anticipated to last 4-6 weeks. Additional information will be forthcoming in the form of a flyer.

Thanks for your patience!

*2017  
MPNA Board of Directors  
Elections  
on Monday, November 28 at the  
General Assembly*

**Come share the holiday spirit with your neighbors!**



The MPNA Holiday Party

December 11th 2016

5PM-7PM

at the home of

Tom Simmons and Mark Skruhak

501 Club Dr

Please bring a side dish to share



# 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 2015 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.

**MONTICELLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**The Monticello Park Neighborhood Association is for everyone (owners and renters).**

Yes, I want to invest in my neighborhood. Enclosed is my 2017 contribution.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would also like to help on the following committees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Crime Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Tour
<input type="checkbox"/> Directory	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter

**Membership  
Dues**

- ☐ \$10 Senior Dues  
☐ \$15 Member Dues  
☐ \$\_\_\_\_ Additional for  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
**MPNA P.O. Box 5851 • San Antonio, TX 78201**

The MPNA has worked hard to achieve its 501(c)3 status. What does that mean to you? Any dues paid, any donation to the association (such as for scholarships), any expense to you on behalf of the Association is now tax deductible. Check with your tax preparer concerning any deductions you want to take. This is a major step forward for our association!

Check our website: [www.monticelloparkna.com](http://www.monticelloparkna.com) to keep up with

- ❖ Events
- ❖ Calendar
- ❖ History
- ❖ Contacts
- ❖ Home Tour information
- ❖ Newsletters

Our website is undergoing renovation and will soon appear much bigger and updated with the latest. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, catch up on all the news, the reports, the gossip, and the fun at our own Monticello Park Neighborhood Association page. The group is a closed group, so when you ask to join, it will take a few days to get added on. Only neighbors and those with a direct connection to MPNA participate in the group. It is amazing how that controls unwanted postings in the group!

Join today and stay connected.

[www.facebook.com/groups/monticelloparkna/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/monticelloparkna/)





**PROPOSED 2017-2022**  
**BOND**  
**PROGRAM**  
City of San Antonio

The City's upcoming 2017-2022 Bond is anticipated to be \$850 Million. This will be the largest bond to date and is made possible by the City of San Antonio's financial stability and its AAA Bond rating earned and most importantly maintained. The 2017-2022 Bond is projected to be on the ballot in May 2017 for the citizen's of San Antonio's approval.

Five community bond committees, comprised of individuals with various backgrounds from across the community, will review the list of recommended projects developed by City Staff. They are charged with critically evaluating and recommending a prioritized list of projects to City Council before an election is called.

Residents are invited to participate in any of the five community bond committee focus areas: 1) Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks, 2) Drainage & Flood Control, 3) Parks, Recreation & Open Space, 4) Facility Improvements and 5) Neighborhood Improvements.

The community bond committee meetings are held through December 15, 2016 as needed at the Central Library downtown.

MPNA has presented to 3 of the bond committees and citizens from MPNA advocated in a 4th committee. Here is a Summary:

1) Drainage and Flood Control-MPNA requested funding for a project to remove homes and businesses from the 100 year flood plain along the San Antonio River Watershed Kampmann Tributary. City staff estimated a potential project to increase capacity in the Kampmann Blvd underground drainage at \$39 Million. At this time for D7 the priority is to complete the Seeling Channel drainage projects with the final Phase III being recommended for the 2017 Bond by City staff at \$24 Million.

2) Neighborhood Improvements-The City of San Antonio is having its first affordable housing bond. The recommended impact areas of the City will have to be voted on by City Council to be designated as blighted. Bond monies may be used for land acquisition, prepare land for development, demolish dilapidated structures, mediate environmental issues and extend utilities, sidewalks, curbs and lighting. The City Staff has recommended a location north of the MPNA Community: Northwest I-10 at 410 the old Malibu sports location. This is north of the San Antonio River Kampmann Blvd Tributary and within the greater watershed. MPNA expressed concern about development within the Watershed when the City acknowledges the drainage south, within MPNA, is undersized. No low impact development standards are required and therefore development adding to runoff is not in the best interest of the residents in the 100 year flood plain along Kampmann Blvd.

3) Parks Recreation and Open Space- MPNA requested the City complete the Master Plan for the pocket park, Monticello Park, located at 444 Club Dr. Improvements would include rehabilitation of the walking trail, finishing the Gazebo, landscaping, new park sign, curb replacement, and lighting. City Staff estimates the project scope at \$400K.

4) Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks-Residents of North Drive and Furr Drive advocated at the bond committee meeting for street improvements. City Staff recommends Lake Blvd, Mary Louise, and Shadwell and \$2M for pedestrian mobility for District wide street improvements. Estimates: North Dr from Fredericksburg to Wilson \$3.25 Million and Furr Drive from Fredericksburg to Kampmann \$3.9 Million. Additional improvements for Wilson Median, a phase II project, and Donaldson have been requested.

Overall, the age of the community reminds us all there are great needs but limited funding. Proper maintenance will achieve the best life out of existing infrastructures while planning for capital bond improvements of the future. The list of projects will be finalized by the next newsletter.

# Rain Barrel Coupon

## For SAWS Residential Water Customers

### Limited Time Offer Thru Dec. 9

Many of us have watched the rain pouring from our rooftops and wished we could save it for a drier day. Rain barrels offer a small-scale way to accomplish this, but each one can cost over \$100. SAWS is now offering for a limited time (Application deadline Friday, Dec. 16, 2016) a coupon to reduce that price to only \$40 per barrel for SAWS residential water customers. (NOTE: Water collected in the barrel is **not** drinkable.)

### Act Now — Supplies Are Limited!

This offer is limited to 6,000 barrels. Don't delay — use your coupon code to lock in your purchase, because once they're gone, they're gone!

### How to Apply

- Read the frequently asked questions below, and [watch the video](#) on installing a rain barrel.
- [Review details](#) on the rain barrel product.
- Fill out [coupon application](#).
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- If you qualify, within a week SAWS will email you a coupon code for up to two barrels per SAWS residential household. Look for an email with the subject line "SAWS Rain Barrel Coupon Code"
- This email will include your unique coupon code and a link to the vendor to purchase the rain barrel(s) for \$40 each (maximum two per household).
- Purchase rain barrel(s) from the vendor website and apply the unique coupon code from SAWS for the discount.
- You will receive an electronic receipt via email.
- Bring your receipt with you to your selected pick up location where your rain barrel(s) will be waiting for you.
- Pick up barrel(s) Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017 at the location you selected.
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### Important Dates

- **Coupon application period:** Nov. 1, 2016 – Dec. 9, 2016.
- **Online purchase deadline:** Dec. 16, 2016
- **Pickup date and time:** Jan. 14, 2017, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Pick-up locations:** Alamo Stadium, 110 Tuleta Dr, San Antonio, TX 78212





## Save Money All Year with Winter Averaging

(10/3/16)

Save water now, save money throughout 2017. It's as simple as turning off your irrigation system. Because SAWS sewer charges are based on your average winter water use, watering your landscape less now can add up to big savings all year long.

Winter averaging monitors the amount of water you use during three complete billing cycles from mid-November to mid-March to [calculate](#) your sewer fee for the whole year. At this time of year, your landscape doesn't have the unquenchable thirst for water that it did during the summer. This means plants and lawns don't take in as much water and the soil retains more moisture.

So do your landscape — and your wallet — a favor: turn off the irrigation system.





During my afternoon dog walking exercise, I thought I was watching my neighbor's yard man coming down the street, so I waved. To my surprise, it was no gardener at all, but the local UPS delivery man, and the cart on the back did not hold lawn equipment, it held the many packages to be delivered in Monticello Park!

UPS is taking special delivery to a whole new level with the help of golf carts. Not only is it getting holiday packages delivered faster, it is safer and it is creating jobs. UPS is hiring seasonal workers as usual this time of year. Each one must then piece together the puzzle one by one onto the golf cart. Once it is loaded up, the cart goes off the course and onto the streets.

UPS says that this method is a lot more effective. UPS can keep the big, noisy trucks away from our streets at night by making holiday deliveries during the day. Safety is the main reason they do it this way, but the fuel cost savings factors in to a great degree. The customer gains the benefit of receiving delivery during the time slot that is usually reserved for business deliveries.

So look for the golf cart on our streets during the holiday season, get your packages earlier because of it, ensure that someone is ready to safeguard your packages, and wave at that driver!