

Valencia Orange Blossom

Newsletter for the Valencia Neighborhood



April 2009



President's Message

EXTREME SWEEP UPDATE 2009

The Extreme Sweep began March 2nd for the Valencia, El Dorado, and Sierra North Subdivisions. The command post was located at the Valencia Club House for the four week period ending March 27th.

Domingo Portillo, Senior Management Analyst for the Housing and Neighborhood Services, coordinated the Sweep. The purpose of the Sweep was to address any neighborhood problems that exist in these subdivisions and to take appropriate action to resolve them.

Mr. Portillo's report of actions taken during the first week of the Sweep follows:

- The brush behind Midnight Rodeo was picked up March 9.
- I am researching your other concerns and have e-mailed Public Works on mowing the ROW along Leonhardt.
- Two cars were towed from the corner house on El Sendero and El Charro.
- Some potholes have been addressed and as mentioned Public Works are a week or two behind.
- Same for street signage.
- Code issues have been forwarded to code.

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Clubhouse Scheduler	Carol Couffer	655-0375

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- Three swimming pool concerns are being addressed.
- Vehicles parked on the streets for an excessive length of time will be forwarded to Office Bender.
- Took a picture of speeding car and forwarded to Officer Bender so she can contact owner and warn.
- Pictures of car lot on El Sendero and Thousand Oaks will be forwarded to code for possible zoning violation.
- Added properties to Sierra North are being investigated for code violations.
- Drainage channels will be addressed.
- Continuing to take pictures of sidewalks in need of repair to forward to Councilman.
- Researching information to fill lake at Linda Colonia.

- Requests for street lights are being forward to Streets and CPS.

Some Valencia residents have been parking vehicles in their driveway, but have failed to drive them close enough to their garages to provide sidewalk walking space behind their automobiles. Blocking the sidewalk is not only a code violation, but also a discourtesy. Parking in the sidewalk area is a danger to pedestrians, especially the handicapped elderly and children that need to be on the sidewalk.

Philip Jackson
President - VHOA



"Walk around crime is on the rise.

Lock your car doors and your house."

North East ISD Calendar

April 10	Student Holiday
April 24	Battle of Flowers Student Holiday
May 11	School Board Meeting
June 4	Last day of school

Additional Dates to Remember

April 27	First day of early voting
May 9	Last Day of early voting
May 9	General Election Day
May 25	Memorial Day observed

General Election Information



General Election Saturday May 9, 2009 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 27, 2009 — First day of Early Voting by personal appearance

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 — Last day of Early Voting by personal appearance

For more information, visit: www.bexar.org/elections/ or call 335-VOTE (8683).



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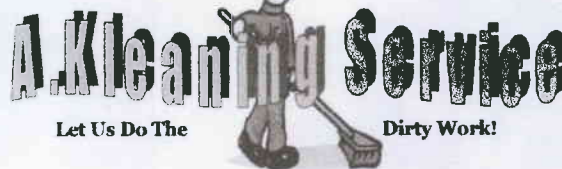
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Make sure you schedule your appointments and your reservations now!

Call us at 210-599-1596 for more information.

We are located at 13227 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, TX 78217

(Between Thousand Oaks and O'Connor Roads)





Thousand Oaks Branch Library

April - May 2009

4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.

(210) 657-5205

THURSDAYS STORYTIME

10:00am Recommended for children ages 18mo - 3 years

11:00am Recommended for children ages 3 - 5 years

Tuesdays in April and May 4:00-6:00pm BACK Pack

Come have some after school fun. Books, crafts, fun.

April 15th, 29th or May 13th (Every other Wednesday) 6:00-7:00pm
Family Fun

A Family Fun Program! Books, crafts, fun.

Thursdays in May 6:00-8:00pm

Rock Band/Guitar Hero

Come Rock Out @ your Library.

April 14th and May 12th (Tue) 7:00-8:00pm

Tuesday Evening Book Club.

April 11th & 25th (Sat) 2:00-4:00p m

Needlework/Knit/Crochet /Embroidery

Bring your project or come to learn.

For Knitting: 1 ball of worsted weight yarn + size 8 knitting needles

For Crochet: 1 ball of worsted weight yarn + size h crochet hook.

COMPUTER CLASSES!!

April 20th (Mon) 6:00-8:00p m Computer Class:

Meet the Computer.

April 21st (Tue) 6:00-8:00pm Computer Class:

Windows Desktop

April 22nd (Wed) 6:00-8:00p Computer Class:

Web Basics

April 23rd (Thur) 6:00-8:00pm Computer Class:

Search the Web

April 25th (Sat) 2:00-4:00pm Computer Class:

Email I

April 27th (Mon) 6:00-8:00pm Computer Class:

Email II

April 28th (Tue) 6:00-8:00pm Computer Class:

MS Word I

April 29th (Wed) 6:00-8:00pm Computer Class:

MS Word II

Call library for details for any of the
above mentioned pro-
grams and/or events.



AUTOMATED COLLECTION

OF GARBAGE & RECYCLING

The Automated Collection for Garbage and Recycling in the Valencia neighborhood is tentatively scheduled to be implemented the second week of June. This would possibly be between June 8th and June 12th.

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Lightning Safety

Summer is the peak time of the year for lightning strikes and lightning fires. However, lightning does occur year round. It's important to be prepared for this dangerous weather phenomenon.



Outdoor Safety

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Seek shelter immediately inside a house, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle. Avoid shelter under tall trees. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If you are in or on open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, indicating that lightning is about to strike, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and get medical care immediately. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat and pulse. CPR may be needed.

Indoor Safety

- Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers, and turn off air conditioners. If you are unable to unplug them, turn them off.
- Stay off corded phones, computers, and other electronic equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. Avoid washing your hands, bathing, doing laundry, or washing dishes.

— Courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association

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IN DANGER OF FORECLOSURE?

- Did you know that the City of San Antonio offers many free services related to housing issue? These include counseling about how to avoid foreclosure and predatory lending practices.
- Call the Department of Community Initiatives at 207-5810.
- Join the Valencia Neighborhood Association! See the application on page 11 in this newsletter.

Look for us on the web at:

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/sat>

NEW SENIOR MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

The new senior center is tentatively scheduled to open in Mid or Late April. This facility is approximately 11,178 square feet located at 4355 Center Gate (off Perrin Beitel Road, just 0.4 miles outside Loop 410). The Department of Community Initiatives will utilize the space as a Multi-Service Health and Resource Center for programs focused on seniors living the surrounding community. The facility will provide meals and service to approximately 150 people per day.

Proposed services include meals, computer classes, exercise and health related services such as:

- Health/Wellness/ Immunizations
- Exercise Classes
- Arts & Craft / Recreation Programs / Travel
- Adult Education / Cooking / Computer Classes
- Special Events
- Speakers / Seminars

- Library / Reading Room
- Financial Assistance / Tax Filing / Legal Assistance
- Crime Prevention
- Thrift Store / Welcome Closet

The center will be open from 7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday.

The hours may be expanded to include Saturdays depending upon the demonstrated need.

Volunteer with VHOA



club house.

The VHOA has an opening for Club House Scheduler. This person is responsible for scheduling the rentals of the

Club house rentals are one way that our association receives income. Our clubhouse has been rented for weddings, wedding receptions, birthday parties, holiday parties, and for business meetings.

A church has rented our clubhouse for Sunday morning worship.

We rent the club house to residents

and non-residents of Valencia.

Members of the Valencia Neighborhood Association rent the club house at a reduced rate.

Please contact Philip Jackson at 656-4842 if you would like to serve as the club house scheduler.

This is a great way to support the neighborhood association.

Bits and Pieces

*The next Valencia Neighborhood board meeting is April 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Valencia Club House on El Sendero. The May board meeting is May 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

*To subscribe to Councilman John Clamp's e-mail newsletter send your request to Amanda Knull at Amanda.knull@sanantonio.gov.

*To schedule a meeting with Councilman Clamp, contact Patti Puente at 207-7276 or patti.puente@sanantonio.gov.

*City Hall Office 207-7276

*The city will be preparing the fiscal year 2010 budget soon and want citizen input. You may submit suggestions online at www.sanantonio.gov or get forms at any public library, community link center or at the District 10 Field Office.

*The Valencia Clubhouse is a great place to have parties, family reunions, wedding receptions or any kind of get together. To rent the clubhouse contact Carol Couffer at 655-0375.

*To place an ad in the Valencia newsletter, contact Sheila Clark at 653-5331. The advertising rates are on page 1.



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Valencia Home Owners Association Survey

The VHOA Board of Directors is considering a project to repair the tennis court, and possibly add a basketball court. The Board will be seeking grants to pay for this project. In requesting grant funding we need to show how the project will benefit our community and how it will be used. We need your input to determine what the community wants regarding the tennis court and whether to add a basketball court. Your input is vital to our decision.

Please complete the survey below. Return to: Ella Gordon at email: satxella33@satx.rr.com; Mail: 12810 El Marro, 78233; phone: 653-2963; cell phone: 386-7184 or drop off survey at the Valencia Club-house.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Number living in household: Males _____ Females _____

Ages living in household:

65+ Males _____ Females _____

45-64 Males _____ Females _____

35-44 Males _____ Females _____

20-34 Males _____ Females _____

10-19 Males _____ Females _____

6 mos – 9 Males _____ Females _____



QUESTIONS: These questions apply to you and anyone living in your household. Please circle "Yes" or "No".

1. If the tennis court were repaired would you use it? Yes No

2. If a basketball court were added, would you use it? Yes No

3. Though neither you nor anyone in your household will use the tennis court, do you agree that the tennis court should be repaired? Yes No

4. Though neither you nor anyone in your household will use the basketball court, do you agree that the basketball court should be added? Yes No

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10. Siding

State of Our Subdivision's Appearance

There have been two trash pick ups held in our subdivision. The turnout was disappointing. We hoped to see entire families (including children 10 or older), to instill a sense of pride in the children.

The trash pick up held January 24th was attended by six people. They did a fabulous job on the ditches around the clubhouse. It is very frustrating, because there's more trash in the ditches again. The four people that came on February 21 worked on the ditches at La Quinta and Cima Linda and two people painted over some graffiti. The two persons picking up trash found something alarming. There were about 24 bags of what appeared to be saline solution had been thrown there, which is obviously medical waste. There was no indication of where the saline solution came from.

Trash pick ups should be done regularly to make our subdivision a safe and appealing place, because right now it isn't very attractive. For more information about trash pick ups, contact

Dianne Johnson at 655-2327.

STREET LIGHTS

If a street light near you is out, call 353-3279 choose option 1.



Valencia Home Owners Association

2009 Membership Dues

The integrity of our Neighborhood Association is only as strong as our membership.

Valencia Home Owners Association dues for 2009 are \$75.00

Please make checks payable to VHOA. Fill in below and return with your membership payment to:

Ed Alexander-Treasurer * 13318 Los Indios * San Antonio, TX 78233

(Please PRINT all information clearly)

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Household Members(names) _____

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