

Valencia Orange Blossom

Newsletter for the Valencia Neighborhood

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June/July 2009



President's Message

We will be on "automated" garbage and recycle goods pick up June 29, 2009. Please do not leave the container in front of your garage doors or on the street.

Graffiti is still a problem in our neighborhood. Report "in progress" activity to 911. Report fresh graffiti to 311.

I participate in our COPS program at a late night time slot. I see garage doors left open which invites theft.

During the "Extreme Sweep" program we walked the drainage ditches. Some backyard fences were down which allowed dogs to escape. Please fix your fences to prevent your dog from

escaping and protect folks that walk along the ditch.

The Valencia Neighborhood Association **Annual Meeting** is September 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. All residents are invited to attend. Come hear what our Association is doing for this subdivision.

We need two dedicated members to fill vacant slots on the Valencia Board. Call me or any current Board member.

Philip Jackson
656-4842

President - VHOA

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Drought Restrictions

The schedule for watering your lawn with a sprinkler during Stage Two restrictions is based on the last number of your street address.

If your address ends in 0 or 1, water on Monday.

If your address ends in 2 or 3, water on Tuesday.

If your address ends in 4 or 5, water on Wednesday.

If your address ends in 6 or 7, water on Thursday.

If your address ends in 8 or 9, water on Friday.

Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed once a week **only** from 3:00 to 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.



NORTH EAST CORRIDOR INITIATIVE UPDATE

The North East Corridor Initiative (NECI) organizational committee held a productive meeting on June 8, 2009. The group adopted By-Laws and elections were held. Connie Marszalek was elected President, Ray de los Santos was elected Vice-President, Cathy Crawl accepted the position of Secretary. Robert (Bob) Wilmore who was unable to attend the meeting, later volunteered for the position of treasurer and will be considered for that post at the next meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on August 5 at the District 10 Field Office located at 3300 Nacogdoches.

The next step for the NECI is to register with the city. These forms are being prepared and will be submitted shortly after our next meeting when the slate of officers is filled and seated. We have started work on Articles of Incorporation. This will be followed by submittal of the 501-(c)6 application for the IRS.

— Connie Marszalek

KEEP THE NEIGHBORHOOD ATTRACTIVE AND SAFE

After the last brush and bulky item pick up, several residents didn't get out to sweep broken glass from their sidewalks in a timely manner. This forced walkers to use the street.

Thanks for getting your brush and bulky items out on time. The notice specifically stated to separate brush from other items. Please follow these instructions carefully.

Be considerate of your neighbors by keeping your yard mowed and your sidewalks swept. When the grass gets long, it attracts undesirable bugs, snakes, and rodents which can spread to your neighbors' yards. City codes address unkempt yards.

"Walk around crime is on the rise.

Lock your car doors and your house."



**Happy
Fourth of
July!**

Night Time Curfew to be Enforced

There's a piece of the city's new curfew ordinance that you may not know about, and if you are a parent, it could affect you.

Effective immediately, if your 10 to 17 year old child is caught wandering the streets between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. police officers will try to reach you. If the officer can't, your child will be taken to the Roy Moss Center on West Avenue. Only the parent can pick up the child.

Before this new curfew, enforcement was hard for officers. Kids caught wandering the streets basically got a warning and were sent on their way. That is not the case now.

Councilman Justin Rodriguez helped craft the new ordinance and he says, "In those instances where a parent can't be located to transport the kid home, they'll be taken to the alternative center. Again it will be the parent's responsibility to pick them up."

Rodriguez says your children's safety is the number one goal. Goal number two is keeping vandalism down.

If the police cannot contact a parent within a matter of six hours, Child Protective Services may be called to take the children.



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Comprehensive Nutrition Program
 Basic health screening
 Floor exercises
 Computer open lab and classes
 Games and recreational activities

City Caseworkers
 Field trips
 Conference and meeting rooms
 Library

Social Services/ Case Management	Health	Nutrition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intake Comprehensive needs assessment • Information Referral Assistance agencies coordination • Benefits counseling • Reverse mortgage counseling • Application assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Screening (blood, glucose, cholesterol, vision, hearing) • Medication matters • Nutrition & exercise classes • Blood pressure checks • Health & wellness seminars • Walking & Exercise classes • Diabetes education & support • Physician presentations & Fairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition classes for healthy living • Weekly information presentations addressing senior needs • Monthly food pack distribution for eligible participants • Transportation for registered participants within a five mile radius: Pick up between 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. Drop-off between 1:30 & 2:30 p.m.
Various Activities	Lunch	Recreational Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live music • Movies • Poetry reading • Fundraisers • Dances • Dominoes • Board games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. • 50 cents donation is appreciated for lunch • Registration required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance Lessons • Bingo • Arts & Crafts • Socializing groups • Birthday celebrations • Rummage sales • Exercise • Field trips

**The Thousand Oaks Library
will be closed for repairs from
July 13 through July 27, 2009.**



**Thousand Oaks Branch Library
July 2009
4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.
(210) 657-5205**

THURSDAYS STORYTIME

{the following dates are tentative due to library remodeling: 16th, 23rd, 30th}

10:00a Recommended for children ages 18mo – 3 years

11:00a Recommended for children ages 3 – 5 years

Tuesdays in July (7th)

{the following dates are tentative due to library remodeling: 14th, 21st, 28th}

1:30-3:00p BACK Pack

Come have some fun. Books, crafts, fun!.

3:00-5:00p Family Movies.

Free movies! Call library for listings.

Wednesdays in July (1st, 8th)

{the following dates are tentative due to library remodeling: 15th, 22nd, 29th}

11:00 -12:00p BACK Pack

A Family Fun Program! Books, crafts, fun.

2:00-4:00p RockBand2/Wii

Come get your Game On @ your Library.

Thursdays in July (2nd, 9th)

{the following dates are tentative due to library remodeling: 16th, 23rd, 30th}

6:00-8:00p Teen Movie Night!

Free movies! Ages 13 and up recommended.
Parental Discretion is Advised. Call library for listings.

July 9th (Thursday)

2:00-4:00p Thursday Afternoon Book Club.

Discussion of American Wife

by Curtis Sittenfeld

**Call library for details for any of the
above mentioned programs and/or
events.**



AUTOMATED COLLECTION OF GARBAGE & RECYCLING

The Automated Collection for
Garbage and Recycling in the
Valencia neighborhood is tenta-
tively scheduled to be imple-
mented the last week of June.



EXTREME SWEEP

The **Extreme Sweep** took place in our neighborhood during the month of March. Each city department placed our neighborhood (Valencia, El Dorado and Sierra North) on top priority to respond to our complaints and concerns. Here is a recap of the results.

Code Compliance — During the sweep period the city received or observed 293 complaints. The areas of concern were: 7 no addresses posted, 67 inoperable vehicles, 12 outside storage, 96 minimum housing standards, 7 right of way obstructions, 23 bandit signs, 25 front yard parking, 52 alley and right of way inspections and 4 vacant or dangerous structures.

Legal/Court Action — 20 citations issued (19 front yard parking and 1 oversized vehicle)

Police department SAFFE Unit — 32 abandoned vehicles, 146 parking/speeding, 1 identified and cited graffiti vandal, 5 vehicles towed and 19 field contacts.


Health Department — 8 animals picked up, 6 rodent inspections

Environmental Department — 5 tires picked up

Public Works Department — 4 removal of vegetation on street, 29 mowing/weed eater at drainage, 34 painted guard rails and posts and 7 replaced posts.

Traffic Operations — 55 depression fills & potholes, 4 restripe speed bumps, 5 fixed leaning signs, 8 graffiti removal from traffic signs, 63 faded signs replaced, 11 traffic sign obstructions removed, 11 signs & street markers cleaned, 43 raised manhole covers repaired.

Additionally, our SAFFE officer, Kelly Bender took on 5 special projects.



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NEW SENIOR CENTER

The new Senior Center located at 4355 Center Gate Drive, San Antonio, opened April 27th. This Center serves Northeast San Antonio and is located in the heart of District 10. If you have not been to the Senior Center, stop in and see this wonderful facility. It can be reached by driving down Perrin Beitel Road to Center Gate Drive. Turn left at the light, it is on the left close to the end of Center Gate. Coming from I-410 it is the second light and then turn right.

The Center publishes an Activity Calendar that lists all of the programs and activities. Some of the most popular

ones are games including Bingo, dominoes, card games, yoga, ballroom dancing, movies, trips to places such as the botanical gardens. They provide free lunches from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. (Contributions are optional.) Call the Center for more information at 207-4590, or 207-4591.

VHOA has been active in supporting and advocating programs that will serve the needs of Valencia residents. I joined our Councilman, John Clamp, and others on a trip to Austin to visit legislators from this area. We went to express our concerns about graffiti and other issues.

I am also a member of the City/County Joint Commission on Elder Affairs. I will be keeping VHOA residents advised about information and benefits for seniors.

Ed Keely

Valencia Area Representative

Looking for a part time position?

The VHOA has a part time job opening for Club House Scheduler. This person is responsible for scheduling the rentals of the club house and keeping the clubhouse clean.

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.

We rent the club house to residents and non-residents of Valencia.

Please contact Dale Couffer at 655-0375 for more information about this part time job.



Bits and Pieces

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

*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.

***Public Meeting set to discuss digital off-premise sign ordinance.**

The City's Planning and Development Services Department is hosting a community meeting to discuss aspects of the 2007 pilot program digital off-premise sign ordinance. The meeting time and location is as follows: Thursday, July 16 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the

Northeast Service Center, 10303 Tool Yard. For information contact Andrew Spurgin at 207-8229.

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

*If you would like to be included on our e-mail list for association updates and events, send your address to ds.sanantonio@gmail.com



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Results of Valencia Home Owners Association Survey

Thanks to those who returned the Valencia Home Owners Association Tennis Court Survey. Below are the results of the survey.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

1 person living in household: 12%

2 people living in household: 88%

Ages living in household: 65+: Males 38% Females 25%

45-64: Males 6% Females 18%

35-44: Males 6% Females 6%



QUESTIONS:

1. If the tennis court were repaired would you use it? **Yes** 19% **No** 81%

2. If a basketball court were added, would you use it? **Yes** 13% **No** 87%

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** 100% **No** 0%

Comment: "Since it's there, it needs to be kept in repair"

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** 56% **No** 44%

Comment: "If it would guarantee new members, it might be worthwhile. If not, it is only additional upkeep. Unfortunately it is hard to police who uses it."

Comment: "young people would use the courts"

Comment: "a swimming pool would be a better choice for the site"

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JULY 18, 2009

9:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 NOON

VALENCIA CLUBHOUSE

The Valencia Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Book Exchange. Bring your used books and exchange them for someone else's used books. Children are encouraged to exchange their books, too. Paperbacks and hard cover books are included. So if you have any books that you have finished reading and would like to exchange, bring them to the Book Exchange. Contact Sheila Clark at 653-5331 for information

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

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

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