

Valencia Orange Blossom

Newsletter for the Valencia Neighborhood

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November/December
2009



President's Message

This is our November - December issue. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We had a good turn out for National Night Out. In addition to vital information from several governmental entities, we had good food and fun entertainment for the kids. We really appreciate Kelly Bender, our SAFFE officer for coming by and sharing crime statistics and what we can do to prevent crime. We also had a live radio broadcast thanks to Dewberry Jam Community Radio which serves Valencia, El Dorado and Northern Hills at AM 1670. A very big thank you to Barbara Scheib for planning and coordinating this event.

Veterans Day is just around the corner. I hope we all can find the time, opportunity and appropriate activity to pay respect to Veterans.

Speaking of Veterans, there is a non-profit organization called Honor Flight created solely to honor Veterans by transporting them to Washington D.C. to visit and reflect on their memorial. Top priority is given to senior Veterans - World War II survivors and other Veterans who may be terminally ill. For more details visit their web site at www.honorflight.org

The large garbage cans are fine for garbage and recyclables but are an eye sore if left on the street days after the pickup then placed in the driveway or in front of the garage doors. Please remove the cans promptly and place out of sight.

I understand there is a beer tasting event planed for "members only" in the near future. There are much better reasons to join VHOA than this but it helps to have a little

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Valencia Orange Blossom Advertising Rates

Business Cards	\$15.00 per issue
1/4 page	\$24.00 per issue
1/2 page	\$48.00 per issue
Full page	\$96.00 per issue
Contact Sheila Clark at 653-5331 to place an ad in the newsletter .	

Newly Elected 2009/2010 VHOA Officers

President	Philip Jackson	656-4842
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Treasurer	Ed Alexander	637-1000
Secretary	Ella Gordon	653-2963
Clubhouse		
Scheduler	Carol Couffer	655-0375

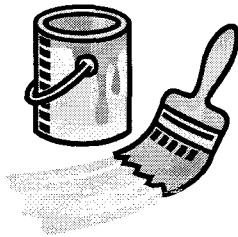
Congratulations!

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Thanks so much to residents who do their best to remove graffiti near their houses. If you would like some of the city-provided graffiti removal wipes or paint, or need help with removal, let me know. The city calls to find out how many hours were spent getting rid of graffiti each month and asks if we need any supplies such as wipes, paint, brushes, rollers, and trays. If you have done any graffiti removal please let me know how much time you spent.

Please notify me if you see graffiti, too.

Thanks,
Dianne Johnson
655-2327



(President's message con't.)

fun once in awhile. At our last wine tasting event we learned a little about the grapes and how the taste was determined by soil, weather and many other factors. I have never been to a beer tasting event but it sounds like fun.

If you are not a current member, consider joining. A blank membership application is included in this newsletter. Applications received will grant membership for the remainder of 2009 and for the full calendar year of 2010.

Be kind to your neighbor and considerate of our neighborhood.

Philip Jackson, President
656-4842



Advertise in the Valencia Orange Blossom

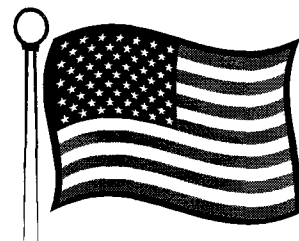
The Valencia Orange Blossom is mailed to 750 homes in the Valencia Subdivision. This is a great way to get the word out about your business or upcoming event.

Advertising rates are:

Business Cards	\$15.00 per issue
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1/2 page	\$48.00 per issue
Full page	\$96.00 per issue

The upcoming holiday season is a good time to advertise. The Orange Blossom is published every other month. The next newsletter deadline is January 15, 2010. Contact Sheila Clark at 653-5331 to place an ad.

The VHOA would like to thank Costco at 1604 & Sonterra Blvd. for offsetting some of the cost of the food we enjoyed at National Night Out.



Veteran's Day is November 11, 2009

The Valencia Home Owners Association thanks all veterans for their service to our country.

Veteran's Day

The VHOA would like to honor the veterans who live in the Valencia subdivision. Here is a list of some of our veterans.

Art Bahme

Al Beltran

Roland Christensen

Donald R. Clark

Dale Couffer

William Dewberry

Ron Emery

Richard Enriquez

Ella Gordon

Starling Gordon

Edmund Keely

Rob Levin

Philip Jackson

Bob Jordan

Thomas Lonsdale

Jack McGoldrick

Phillip Martinez

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If you would like to have your name included as a veteran in next year's November newsletter, please contact Sheila Clark at ds.sanantonio@gmail.com or at 653-5331 by September 2010.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2009

November 11	Veterans Day
November 19	Great American Smokeout
November 26	Thanksgiving

December 2009

December 21 thru January 1	NEISD break
December 12	Hanukkah
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Kwanzaa

January 2010

January 1	New Year's Day
January 18	Martin Luther King Day

SAPD SMART INITIATIVE



In its continuing effort to improve service to the community, decrease response time, and maximize its resources, the San Antonio Police Department has recently begun taking reports online via its web site (www.sanantonio.gov/sapd). This service allows crime victims to file a police report from the convenience of work or home, while simultaneously reducing calls for service on field units. A reduction in call volume means patrol officers can spend more time deterring crime, rather than responding to crimes that have already occurred.

At the present time, crimes reported online must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ **The suspect(s) are unknown.**
- ✓ **Theft under \$500 (no firearms)**
- ✓ **Burglary of Vehicle**
- ✓ **Criminal Mischief (vandalism) under \$500**
- ✓ **Graffiti under \$500**
- ✓ **Theft of Service under \$500**
- ✓ **Lost Property**

If this service proves popular with the public, there is every reason to believe that it can be expanded to include other crimes.

I believe that online reporting can and will succeed. In fact, I am committed to San Antonio becoming a model city for online reporting. But it cannot succeed without public support. It has been my experience that HOAs such as yours are quick to embrace systems and concepts that benefit their communities.

I also know that the San Antonio Police Department enjoys a unique relationship with the citizens of this fine city. That is why I am confi

dent that **together** we can make online reporting work. I stand ready to assist you in any way possible. Feel free to e-mail me at

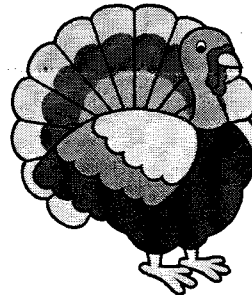
pdreports@sanantonio.gov.

Very Respectfully,

Officer Kenny Thompson #0671

SAPD SMART Initiative

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New Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday 12:00p-8:00p

Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat & Sun 10:00a-6:00p

Wednesdays (Nov 4th, 18th, 25th)

12:30-2:30p *Résumé and Job Hunting Help*

Looking for a job and need a little help?

A staff member will be available to help you create a résumé or assist you with online applications.

Tip: Bring your work history.

Wednesdays (Nov 4th & 18th)

5:00p *Teepees at Thousand Oaks*

Books, crafts, games, movies... grades 6 and up

Thursdays Story time (Nov 5th, 12th, 19th)

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

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

November 2nd (Monday)

6:30-7:30p Monday Afternoon Book Club.

Discussion of the book: Suite Française by Irène Némirovsky



November 4th (Wednesday)

6:15-7:15p GREATJUBILEE

Dance Company Recital

November 7th (Saturday)

10:00-2:00p Thousand Oaks Friends of the Library Book Sale.

Come find great deals on books, cd's, DVD's and more books!!!

November 14th (Saturday)

12:00-2:00p Scholastic Literacy Caravan

Join us for free art and reading activities on board the

Lee y seras Literacy Caravan!

Department of Community Initiatives Computer Classes

Nov 9th 2:00-4:00p Meet the Computer

Nov 10th 2:00-4:00p Windows Desktop

Nov 12th 2:00-4:00p Web Basics

Nov 13th 2:00-4:00p Search the Web

Nov 14th 2:00-4:00p Email I

Nov 16th 2:00-4:00p Microsoft Word I

Nov 17th 2:00-4:00p Microsoft Excel I

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

Important Phone Numbers

Police non-emergency	207-7273
Code Compliance	311
Child Protective Services	733-8810
Adult Protective Services	533-5337
Health Department	207-8636
Animal Control	207-6605
SAWS Emergency Line	704-7297



VALENCIA HOA MEMBERS BEER TASTING

DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2009

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: VALENCIA CLUB HOUSE

As most of you know, Valencia has had a few wine tastings in the past, and they were very informative and lots of fun. We have had a few people request that we do a beer tasting, and so here it is. The tasting is free to all dues paying members of VHOA. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for non-members. If you plan to attend please RSVP to Larry Johnson at larryj_vhoa@yahoo.com. Memberships will be sold the night of the tasting.

See you there!

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House Decorating Contest

The Christmas holiday season is almost here. It is time for the holiday decorations to be hung on the houses and in the yards. Many Valencia residents do beautiful work decorating their homes for the holiday season. As a result our neighborhood looks even better at this time of year.

The Valencia Neighborhood Association is once again sponsoring a house decorating contest to recognize some of the most beautiful homes in our subdivision. The judging will take place during the week of **December 14-18, 2009**. There will be first place, second place, and third place winners. The winners will be announced in the January issue of the Valencia Orange Blossom newsletter.



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FERAL CATS

The Valencia neighborhood is beginning to have problems with feral cats. What is the difference between a feral cat and a stray cat? A feral cat is a cat who has lived his whole life with little or no human contact and is not socialized, or a stray cat who was lost or abandoned and has lived away from human contact long enough to revert to a wild state. Feral cats cannot be touched. Adult feral cats cannot be tamed and are not suited to living indoors with people. A stray cat will approach a human and is vocal. It might eat food right after it is offered. A feral cat is silent and will not approach humans. It will only approach food after a human has moved away.

The San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition (SAFCC) seeks to humanely reduce the number of outdoor cats through the Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program. The SAFCC has workshops at various libraries around the city. These workshops provide information on how to deal with feral cats as well as information on the TNR program.

There is help available if you have feral cats near your home.

You can contact the SAFCC at contactus@sanantoniوفرالcats.org for

Information. The website for SAFCC is:

www.Sanantoniوفرالcats.org. The helpline is 210-877-9064.

**San Antonio
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Letter from the Editor

Valencia is a great place to live! I think Valencia is so special that I have lived here twice. We first came to Valencia in 1979 and stayed for six years. We returned to the same house in 1991 and have stayed ever since.

My kids attended El Dorado Elementary, Wood Middle School and Madison High School. These are all great schools.

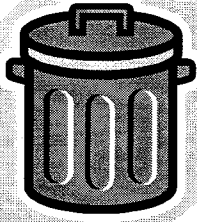
Our neighborhood is in a good location. It is close to IH 35, Hwy 281, and 1604. The commute to other parts of the city isn't very long. Okay, so rush hour can be difficult on some days.

Our Home Owners Association is working hard with the city, the police department, fire department, and other agencies to keep Valencia a great place to live. When other Home Owners Associations have folded and clubhouses and pools are falling into disrepair, our facilities have remained used and useful.

Be an association volunteer!

Join the Valencia Home Owners Association.

BLUE MONDAY



At the end of June, all the homes in Valencia received the new 96-gallon trash containers. The **BLUE** container is for recycle items. The **BROWN** container is for bagged garbage.

Since receiving the new containers, we have been making an effort to put as many things as possible in **BIG BLUE**. To our amazement, almost everything we bring home can be recycled. If you check out what you have been putting in your trash, you might come to the same conclusion.

So what is really recyclable? Almost everything. The following is a list of some of the things that you can recycle. In the past, we have been putting some of these items in our trash container. ***But no more!***

- ✓ **PAPER** — advertising circulars, junk mail, newspapers, magazines, report cards, copies of you Valencia newsletters (but, of course, only after you have read them.)
- ✓ **CARDBOARD** — cereal boxes with the liners removed, broken down boxes, paper towel and toilet paper cores, pizza boxes with pizza removed
- ✓ **OFFICE SUPPLIES** — file folders, carbonless papers (don't show your youth by asking what carbon paper is), old calendars, used printer paper and those old telephone books
- ✓ **METALS** — aluminum drink cans, cans with lids, empty vegetable cans, empty aerosol cans
- ✓ **GLASS** — bottles and jars, that old vase your mother-in-law gave you, wine and beer bottles
- ✓ **PLASTIC ITEMS** with a recycle number of 1-7 (which is almost everything plastic) — water bottles, large soda bottles, rinsed out milk jugs, yogurt and butter containers, empty coffee containers

So if you are like us and want to recycle as much as possible, just look at everything before you put it in a sack for **BIG BROWN**, and ask yourself: "Can I recycle that?" You will be surprised at what you can put in **BIG BLUE**. If you have kids or a spouse who still acts like a kid, make a game out of seeing who can find the most items to recycle.

A final note: Remember that **BIG BROWN** is for bagged garbage only and goes out on Thursday. Don't put bagged garbage in **BIG BLUE** which goes out on Monday. If you do, the Recycle Fairy will hunt you down! Also, remember to bring in your cans **BLUE OR BROWN**, as soon as possible. By doing this it will make our neighborhood nicer looking.

After all, isn't that what everyone wants? A nicer looking place to call home — **VALENCIA**.



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Valencia Home Owners Association

2010 Membership Dues

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

Valencia Home Owners Association dues for 2010 are \$75.00

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

(Please PRINT all information clearly)

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First

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Household Members (names) _____

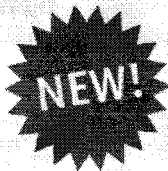
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