

# Valencia Orange Blossom

Newsletter for the Valencia Neighborhood

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June/July  
2010



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Valencia is looking good!

Most yards are green and growing, even if some of the green is weeds. There is not much that we can do about the weeds at this time of year except pull the tall ones and keep mowing so that the ground will hold together and avoid mud.

A short but timely article by Mark Peterson on the SAWS website points out that "after the worst drought on record, the sixth wettest fall and winter and the coldest temperature we've had in the last twenty years, you'd think plants throughout our landscape couldn't have possible fared well. Alas, this is not true."

The article continues and points out the plants that withstood mother nature's wrath so that when we replant we can do it wisely.

The plants that seemed to survive were:

1. Ornamental grasses such as Lindheimer's muhly and Mexican feather grass as well as Bermuda.
2. Native shrubs like salvia, cenizo and sumac.
3. Some non-native species such as mutabilis rose, blue bush germander and Chinese fringe plant.
4. All native trees (including the Arizona Ash).

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### Valencia Orange Blossom Advertising Rates

Business Cards	\$15.00 per issue
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Contact Sheila Clark at 653-5331 to place an ad in the newsletter.	

### 2009/2010 VHOA Officers

President	Philip Jackson	656-4842
Vice President	Heather Hedquist	599-8380
Treasurer	Ed Alexander	637-1000
Secretary	Ella Gordon	653-2963
Clubhouse Scheduler	Linda Sencenbaugh	386-7125

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For more information about this subject and other SAWS news, see their web site at [www.saws.org](http://www.saws.org).

We have had graffiti vandals active this past month. You might not have seen this due to the quick response by Dianne Johnson. This graffiti has to be removed quickly before more is applied. If you see vandals in the process of painting, call 911. The SAFFE officer or a patrol unit will respond and hopefully catch the culprit.

Our membership is up to 60. We are short of our goal of 100 members. We are all volunteers in a voluntary home owners association. We would like to have you join us in trying to keep Valencia a safe and attractive neighborhood.

Be kind to your neighbors.

Philip Jackson

President

VHOA



## Advertise in the

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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.

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The upcoming summer season is a good time to advertise. The Orange Blossom is published every other month. The next newsletter deadline is **July 15, 2010**. Contact Sheila Clark at 653-5331 or at [ds.sanantonio@gmail.com](mailto:ds.sanantonio@gmail.com) to place an ad.

## WATER AEROBICS EL DORADO POOL

El Dorado Home Owners Association is offering Water Aerobic classes again this summer. The classes are free to members of the El Dorado HOA and the cost for Valencia HOA members is \$2.00 per class. Classes will be on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. The classes begin on June 5, Saturday. Please bring two clean, empty one gallon plastic jugs to the first class. These classes are limited to adults.

## GRAFFITI KEEPS POPPING UP

Apparently overnight on May 6, the ditches on La Quinta and Cima Linda got very well covered with tagging and writing that I hadn't seen in the past ("zone stoner" was all over the La Quinta ditch). Hopefully those who did the tagging live far from Valencia and won't be back.

Thank fully, penalties are becoming much more strict for graffiti. Communication between government agencies involved in dealing with the perpetrators is improving tremendously.

As always, the best way to handle graffiti is to get rid of it as soon as possible after it has been seen. There are many "behind the scenes" volunteers who keep the graffiti removed near their homes. Thank you to everyone who has removed graffiti from the neighborhood.

If you need help, wipes, paint or someone to power wash, call Dianne Johnson at 655-2327. Let's keep our eyes and ears open for unusual sights and sounds. Don't be afraid to let us know when and where graffiti needs to be removed.



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### June

<b>Madison H.S. Graduation</b>	<b>June 6</b>
<b>MacArthur H.S. Graduation</b>	<b>June 9</b>
<b>Valencia VHOA Wine Tasting</b>	<b>June 11</b>
<b>Flag Day</b>	<b>June 14</b>
<b>Father's Day</b>	<b>June 20</b>
<b>Summer begins</b>	<b>June 21</b>

### July

<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>July 4</b>
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**If you think you're too small to have an impact,  
try going to bed with a mosquito.**

**- Anita Koddick**



## WINE TASTING

**JUNE 11, 2010**

**7:30—9:00 P.M.**

**VALENCIA CLUBHOUSE**

**13103 El Sendero**

The Valencia Neighborhood Association is once again having a wine tasting at the club house on El Sendero. Six wines, three reds and 3 whites, will be offered for tasting. In addition, crackers, cheese, chocolate and fruit will be provided. Our own Larry Johnson will conduct the wine tasting and share information about each wine that is served.

To make a reservation, contact Larry Johnson at (210) 593-8686 and leave a message or send him an e-mail at [larryj\\_vhoa@yahoo.com](mailto:larryj_vhoa@yahoo.com).

The cost is \$5.00 per person. You don't have to be a member of the VNA to attend and guests are welcome. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with wine, food, and excellent company.





## Thousand Oaks Branch Library

4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.

657-5205

*June 2010*

### June 5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

10:00a-3:00p Thousand Oaks Friends of the Library  
Book Sale.

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

### June 7<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

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

Discussion of the book: A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick

### June 12<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

2:00p *Lorie Bennett: poet/author book signing.*

Book reading & book signing of her debut book of poetry,  
*Reflections.*

### Mondays (June 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>)

5:00p *Movies for Teens*

Enjoy a movie. Call library for listings.

### Tuesdays (June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>)

3:00p *Teens at Thousand Oaks*

Wii, Guitar Hero, RockBand, crafts, boardgames.... grades 6 and up

### Wednesdays (June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>)

2:00p *BACK Pack*

Books, activities and crafts for kids with an emphasis  
on fun and creativity.

Recommended for school age children; younger children welcome  
when accompanied by an adult.

### Wednesdays (June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>)

5:30p *Alfred Hitchcock Film Festival*

Call library for listings.

### Thursdays Story time

(June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>)

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

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

### Thursdays (June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>)

2:00p Chess and other board games.

Open to all ages.

Call library for de-  
tails for any of the  
above mentioned  
programs and/or  
events.



### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

JULIAN CASTRO

207-7107

Visit the Mayor's webpage at:

[www.sanantonio.gov/mayor](http://www.sanantonio.gov/mayor)

### OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Sheryl Sculley

207-7082

[www.sanantonio.gov/manager](http://www.sanantonio.gov/manager)

### 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
Crime Stoppers	224-STOP

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !

...I wonder what is that magical elusive quality that children see in their fathers...

I honestly don't understand...I know what fathers don't do

but what is it they do to earn that respect and love?

Without ironing a shirt, baking a birthday cake, administering a Band-Aid or reading a story, they occupy a place in a child's life at the summit of his existence.

Is it possible children sense a unique human being who was there at the beginning and will remain until the end and will not be a mother...but will fulfill that rare role that is father?

I don't understand it.

But the kids do.

—Erma Bombeck



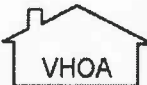
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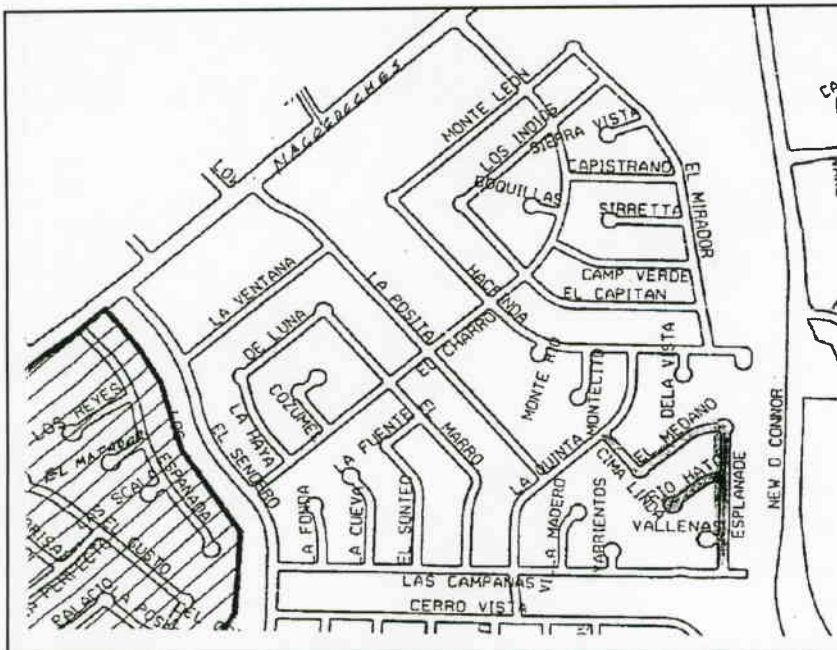


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For information about renting the clubhouse, contact Linda Sencenbaugh at 386-7125.



### COFFEE WITH CLAMP

The next Coffee with Councilman Clamp is Wednesday, June 23 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the District 10 Field Office, 3300 Nacogdoches Rd., Suite 108. This coffee is a time to discuss any concerns you have with Councilman Clamp.

### Bits and Pieces

✓ District 10 Field Office  
3300 Nacogdoches Rd, Ste 108  
San Antonio, TX 78217

✓ District 10 City Hall Office  
P. O. Box 839966  
San Antonio, TX 78283

\*To make an appointment with Councilman Clamp, contact Amanda Garcia-Aquinaga at 207-7276.

\*The next Valencia Neighborhood board meeting is June 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Valencia Club House on El Sendero.

\*Volunteer with the Valencia Neighborhood Association. There are openings on the board of directors for area field representatives. Contact Philip Jackson for information about field representatives at 656-4842.

\*If you would like to help with this newsletter contact Sheila Clark at 653-5331. We need help with advertising and articles of interest.

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

\*To be on the Valencia Neighborhood e-mail list, send your e-mail address to Larry Johnson at :

[larryj\\_vhoa@yahoo.com](mailto:larryj_vhoa@yahoo.com)

## **HURRICANE SEASON IS COMING TO SOUTH TEXAS JUNE 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30**

### **If a hurricane is likely in your area, you should:**

- ☒ Listen to the radio or TV for information.
- ☒ Secure your home, close storm shutters, and secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors.
- ☒ Turn off utilities if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- ☒ Turn off propane tanks. Avoid using the phone, except for serious emergencies.
- ☒ Moor your boat if time permits.
- ☒ Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other containers with water.

### **You should evacuate under the following conditions:**

- ☒ If you are directed by local authorities to do so. Be sure to follow their instructions.
- ☒ If you live in a mobile home or temporary structure — such shelters are particularly hazardous during hurricanes no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- ☒ If you live in a high-rise building — hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.
- ☒ If you live on the coast, on a flood plain, near a river, or on an inland waterway.
- ☒ If you feel you are in danger.

### **If you are unable to evacuate, go to your safe room. If you do not have one, follow these guidelines:**

- ☒ Stay indoors during the hurricane and away from windows and glass doors.
- ☒ Close all interior doors — secure and brace external doors.
- ☒ Keep curtains and blinds closed. Do not be fooled if there is a lull; it could be the eye of the storm—winds will pick up again.
- ☒ Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level.
- ☒ Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

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## **Prepare a Kit of Emergency Supplies**

### **Water**

- One gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Children, nursing mothers, and sick people may need more water.
- If you live in a warm weather climate more water may be necessary.
- Store water tightly in clean plastic containers such as soft drink bottles
- Keep at least a three-day supply of water per person

### **Food**

- Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water
- Pack a manual can opener and eating utensils

### **Choose foods your family will eat:**

1. Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits & vegetables
2. Protein or fruit bars
3. Dry cereal or granola
4. Peanut butter
5. Dried fruit
6. Nuts
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