

# Valencia Orange Blossom

Newsletter for the Valencia Neighborhood

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September 2009



## President's Message

What is the "Association" doing to protect the integrity of our neighborhood?

The annual meeting of the Valencia Homeowners Association will be held September 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Valencia Clubhouse. Members and non-members are invited. We will provide answers to the above question. We want your input. This is YOUR association. After the general meeting and the guest speaker, members will elect Area Representatives.

October 6, 2009 is another important date to remember. This is **National Night Out**. This event takes place all over our country. Come to the clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. and meet your neighbors and city

officials. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and carrot cake will be served.

Graffiti continues to be a problem. Report any suspicious activity to our SAAFE officer.

Code compliance issues are always a problem. We don't always know if an issue violates city codes or not. A friendly discussion can sometimes solve the issue. The code compliance number is 311 to report violations.

Our current membership is less than 10% of the total households in Valencia. Our membership objective is 25% of all households in Valencia. Membership in our homeowners association is voluntary. We would like to have 100 new members for the coming year.

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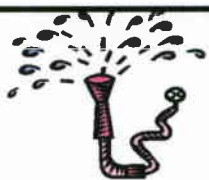
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### 2009 VHOA Board of Directors

President	Philip Jackson	656-4842
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Treasurer	Ed Alexander	637-1000
Secretary	Sheila Clark	653-5331
Clubhouse Scheduler	Carol Couffer	655-0375



### **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.

*President's Message continued from page 1*

Your membership contributes to maintaining property values and a stable environment. As an incentive, if you join now, your dues will pay for the remainder of this year and all of next year.

Philip Jackson  
656-4842

President - VHOA



### **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.

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The upcoming holiday season is a good time to advertise. The Orange Blossom is published every other month. The next newsletter deadline is October 15, 2009. Contact Sheila Clark at 653-5331 to place an ad.

### **September is Better Breakfast Month**



**Have a safe  
and enjoyable  
Labor Day!**

## LIFE LINE SCREENING



Life Line Screening is returning to The Valencia Home Owners Association Clubhouse at 13103 El Sendero on October 24, 2009 (Saturday). The Stroke Screening Tests they perform for \$139.00 are worth the cost to insure that there are no problems.

For an additional \$10.00 they will perform an Osteoporosis screening.

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851.



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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

##### **September**

September 7, 2009 Labor Day

September 13, 2009 VHOA Board meeting

September 19, 2009 VHOA Wine Tasting

September 24, 2009 VHOA annual meeting

##### **October**

October 12, 2009 NEISD student holiday

October 16, 2009 National Boss Day

October 31, 2009 Halloween

##### **November**

November 1, 2009 Daylight Savings ends

November 11, 2009 Veterans Day

November 26, 2009 Thanksgiving

## THE LATEST ON GRAFFITI



The police department believes the new curfew will help cut down on graffiti, as it gives them more power to enforce it. At a seminar held in June, State Representative Trey Martinez Fisher told of his failed attempts to get the legislature to pass laws that would take the drivers license away from taggers as part of their punishment. At the same seminar, District Six City Councilman, Andrew Solano told of their program of matching taggers with professional artists. The majority of the attendees seemed to think that this legitimizes graffiti.

There hasn't been much graffiti in Valencia lately. We can thank our SAFFE Officer, Kelly Bender for her efforts. She has apprehended one tagger. If you see graffiti, please contact Diane Johnson at 655-2327. She will do her best to get the graffiti removed immediately. We have several volunteers who remove the graffiti from the neighborhood. There is paint and special graffiti removal wipes stored at the clubhouse for our use.

Everyone can help curb graffiti by paying attention to what is happening on your street. Look for unusual activity. Know your neighbors. Officer Bender is eager to do everything that she can to keep Valencia a nice place to live. If you see any suspicious activity, contact Officer Bender at 289-7602.

### Graffiti Wipeout For District 10

**Saturday, September 26, 2009**

**9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**

Wipeout sites are Harry Wurzbach between Loop 410 and Eisenhower and Perrin Beitel between Long Vale and Bretton Ridge

To volunteer, contact Amy Putney at 824-7355 or e-mail her at [amy.putney@sanantonio.gov](mailto:amy.putney@sanantonio.gov).

## BEE STINGS

**Question:** I've heard of a lot of home remedies for soothing a bee sting. What works best?

**Answer:** There certainly are a lot of home remedies for soothing a bee sting, as anyone who has been stung at a family picnic can attest.

A few examples include applying to the sting site a wet aspirin tablet, aloe vera, paste made from baking soda or a commercial meat tenderizer or even an onion slice.

These home remedies and others may have some merit, but the simplest and probably the best way to treat a bee sting involves these three steps:

1. Remove the stinger as soon as possible, if one is left behinds. But do so without squeezing the venom sac attached to the end of the stinger, as this can release more venom. You can do this by scraping the stinger out with a straight-edged object such as the edge of a credit card or a long fingernail.
2. Wash the sting area with soap and cold water.
3. Put a cold pack or a cloth filled with ice on the sting area. This helps to reduce pain and swelling. Topical products containing benzocaine (Americaine, Sting-Kill, Lanacane or others) are also good at relieving pain. For more persistent itching, you may want to consider applying hydrocortisone cream and calamine lotion. If itching is still bothersome after icing the area, an oral antihistamine such as Benadryl, Chlor-Trimeton or Claritin may help. Be aware that older antihistamine drugs such as Benadryl and Chlor-Trimeton often cause drowsiness, and Claritin may cause drowsiness in some people.

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### **Thousand Oaks Branch Library**

**September 2009**

**4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.**

**(210) 657-5205**

### ***LIBRARY RE-OPENS!***

The Thousand Oaks Branch Library reopened for service on July 27 following two weeks of renovations. The project, funded by Certificates of Obligation and City capital funds, included replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system; roof repairs; installation of new carpet; new interior and exterior painting; parking lot repairs and re-striping; renovation of the restrooms; a bike rack at the front of the building and a lighted flagpole. With its renovations and its new amenities like Wi-Fi and self-checkout kiosks, the "new" and improved Thousand Oaks Branch Library is ready to serve our neighbors.

**Call the library for details on any programs and/or events.**



### **TAKE PRIDE IN VALENCIA**

It is very disheartening as a long-time resident of Valencia to walk around the subdivision and see broken glass in the street that has been there for weeks, branches put on the curb when residents know that the branches won't be picked up due to mechanized collection, dead yards that have weeds growing over the curb, or grass blown into the street after it was edged, etc. It takes five minutes to sweep up the glass, another five minutes to cut up the branches and put them in the new brown trash can or call for one of two free annual pick-ups that you are entitled to, and ten minutes to sweep up the grass in the street. Please don't be apathetic by just leaving your house each morning and returning each evening to pull your car into your garage and not venturing out. Take a look at your surroundings. Take pride in our neighborhood.



#### **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

## EXTREME SWEEP UPDATE FOR VALENCIA, ELDORADO, AND SIERRA NORTH

This update is from Domingo Portillo, Senior Management Analyst, Housing and Neighborhood Services.

There are trash cans being left in the street. He will ask the code officer do a drive through to pick up any obvious code violations. Capistrano Street will be assessed for cracks in the street. Public Works will scrape the streets with growth on the curbs. SAPD will address the large Time Warner truck with a cherry picker #1277 that was parked on Monte Leon Street. SAFFE office Kelly Bender will monitor speeding on El Charro Street and other streets with high traffic.

These other issues will be forwarded to other departments.

- Raised manhole cover at 5115 Capistrano
- Raised manhole cover at 12911 El Sendero
- Mow the drainage area behind the Midnight Rodeo
- Request crosswalk stripes be painted at El Sendero and Sierra Madre
- Request crosswalk stripes be painted at El Sendero and Leonhardt

SAWS has been contacted to address the dirt and incomplete jobs. Mr. Portillo is waiting for a response. His e-mail address is [domingo.portillo@sanantonio.gov](mailto:domingo.portillo@sanantonio.gov) and his phone number is 207-2118.

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### CITY PUBLIC SERVICE Town Hall Meeting

CPS Energy Town Hall Meeting to discuss  
Nuclear

Thursday, September 24, 2009

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

My Father's House

3131 Nacogdoches Road @ Bitters Road  
For questions please contact Mario Hune at  
207-7063

## NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER 20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 12, 2009

8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

227 West Woodlawn

To register go to [www.nrc-sa.org](http://www.nrc-sa.org). Your RSVP guarantees a complimentary lunch. \$10.00 is a minimum suggested donation.

Topics include Sustainable Neighborhoods, Leadership Development, and Neighborhood Legal Issues and more. There will be over 25 exhibitors and door prizes will be awarded.

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### *Holiday Season is coming—Have a party at the Valencia Clubhouse*

Make your reservations now for your holiday party. The clubhouse is a great place to entertain. Our kitchen has just been remodeled. There is a lovely landscaped outdoor area and we have plenty of parking. The clubhouse is

ready and waiting for your guests. The best part is that you don't have to clean your own house in order to have a wonderful party.

Our clubhouse is a good location for your office holiday parties, too.

Contact Dale Couffer at 655-0375 for reservations.



### **Bits and Pieces**

\*The next Valencia Neighborhood board meeting is September 13, 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](mailto:Amanda.knull@sanantonio.gov).

\*To schedule a meeting with Councilman Clamp, contact

Patti Puente at 207-7276 or [patti.puente@sanantonio.gov](mailto:patti.puente@sanantonio.gov).

\*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 e-mail address to [ds.sanantonio@gmail.com](mailto:ds.sanantonio@gmail.com)

\*NEISD opened the Heroes Stadium on August 28, 2009. It is located on the Wurzbach Parkway near the Thousand Oaks exit. The stadium was dedicated to David Edwards, a former Madison High School football player who sustained injuries during a 2004 football game. He passed away in 2008. The complex includes a football/soccer field, shot put/discus area, athletic support facilities, press box, covered-observation deck, and ticket and office facilities.



**VALENCIA  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION  
  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2009  
7:00 P.M.  
VALENCIA CLUB HOUSE  
EL SENDERO DRIVE**

**Join us for an informative meeting about the activities and accomplishments of our association for the past year and plans for the coming year. Our SAFFE officer will be available to answer questions about crime activity.**

**Come meet your neighbors. You don't have to be a member to attend.**

**Refreshments will be served.**

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# **VALENCIA HOA SECOND ANNUAL WINE TASTING**

**SATURDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

**7:00 P.M.**

**VALENCIA CLUBHOUSE**



Valencia is having another wine tasting. If you attended the last one, you know this is a great way to sample new wines. If you didn't attend the last one, you may not know how much fun you missed. This event is great. Everyone is invited, please share this with friends. We would like to have everyone who plans to attend respond so we can know the number of guests to plan for. The

cost is a mere \$10 per person, and includes wine, cheese, chocolates and educational pourings.

You don't have to be a member to come to this event. Bring a friend. To make reservations, contact Sheila Clark at 653-5331 or e-mail at [ds.sanantonio@gmail.com](mailto:ds.sanantonio@gmail.com) or send a note with the number of attendees to Sheila Clark, 12719 Villa Madero, S.A. 78233.



LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009**

**6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.**

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS  
FOR A NNO GATHERING  
AT THE VALENCIA CLUBHOUSE**

**REPRESENTATIVES AND INFORMATION FROM AGENCIES INCLUDING  
COUNCILMAN CLAMP  
COMMUNITY LINK CENTER  
CPS  
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PARK POLICE AND SAPD  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT,  
VIA  
AND MORE**

**HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS AND DRINKS  
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**GET OUT & TAKE A STAND AGAINST CRIME**

# 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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Last

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