

The Orange Blossom



Newsletter for the Valencia Neighborhood

July 2008

President's Message

Some of your neighbors ask: "Why bother joining the Valencia Homeowner's Association? Does it do anything for me?"

Our homeowner's association actively works to keep the quality of life within the neighborhood high for both homeowners and renters. Some of the benefits of having an active neighborhood association that you may not be aware of:

- As a recognized Homeowner's Association within District 10, we have direct contact with Councilman John Clamp's office. Representatives of the association have been invited to report concerns unique to the neighborhood directly to the District 10 office. Representatives have also been invited to meet in a more intimate setting with the Councilman to communicate needs of the neighborhood.
- Contact with our San Antonio Police SAFFE officer. As an Association, we have a designated neighborhood community officer. The association is used as the contact point to request help with neighborhood issues including code compliance, graffiti and other issues of concern. Our SAFFE officer has been a frequent speaker to the association and recently spoke to our COPs volunteers.
- Access to training and programs from the City of San Antonio to assist ourselves with neighborhood issues. Representatives of the association have attended training on accessing city resources, and the most recent training offered on combating graffiti.

The more visible part of our association is our social and member's activities:

Second Friday-- Every Second Friday we offer a neighborhood event that is fun for all.

Recently our Second Friday events have been "Movies Under the Stars". Nothing is nicer than sitting in a lawn chair under the stars watching a great movie with good neighbors and munching on fresh popcorn. Our movie nights continue, come out and try it sometime!

We have also offered Karaoke Nights when both kids and adults can be a star for a moment. We have some very talented neighbors who can really “wow” an audience. The rest of us just try really hard and we would love to have you join us!

On-going bike rides -- Come ride with your neighbors after the sun has gone down. Check out how nice our community is and how wonderful we make it together.

Other events: -- Book exchanges, wine tastings, dinners and more. Neighbors have shown interest in neighborhood Bunco nights, book clubs and neighborhood walks. What could you offer? What would you like us to do?

Become a member and help ensure that our neighborhood remains the vital home that we all currently enjoy. A membership application is attached. Homeowners and Renters are all welcome. To find out more information about the association, please visit our website at www.neighborhoodlink.com/sat/vhoa. To receive e-mail notices of events please give us your e-mail address. We will never share our list with anyone.

If you are interested in helping shape the association, our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Valencia Clubhouse. Our meetings are open to all and we would love to see you there. Current topics before the board include continuing upgrades to the club house and upgrading the tennis courts. Give us your input!

Heather Hedquist, Vice President

THOUSAND OAKS BRANCH LIBRARY

4618 Thousand Oaks Dr., 657-5205

We have a great library that is practically down the street from us.

The programs are free!

For students there is the “*Read Across Texas*” reading club. Join and receive a reading log, read and record at least 15 books, and get a free paperback book. This reading club is ongoing until August 2, 2008.



The *Junior Book Rangers* meet on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. This group is for budding environmentalists interested in nature, science, and Texas history. Another Tuesday activity that meets at 3:00 p.m. is the *Summer Movie Festival*. The movies are free.

Every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. the B.A.C.K. PACK meets to make crafts. All of these activities are geared toward school age children.

For those younger library patrons, *story time* meets every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

The library has a weekly program every Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. just for teenagers.

There is something for everyone at the Library!

2008 VHOA Board of Directors		
President	Phillip Jackson	656-4842
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Neighborhood Link Website

If you have not checked out the neighborhood link website, you should. It gives you the ability to create your own page and see other's pages with the "meet your neighbors" link.

It also allows you to see all the things going on in your neighborhood. There is a community calendar there that we have been updating with events and important dates; there are discussion forums where you can talk about any topic relative to the neighborhood, links to local government offices, links to official city event calendars, and much more.

This is also where we upload the electronic copy of "The Orange Blossom" Newsletter for Valencia Neighborhood.

Click on: www.neighborhoodlink.com/sat/vhoa

N.E.I.S.D. STADIUM

The North East Independent School District will be building a new athletic facility in our neighborhood. The stadium will be located in the Thousand Oaks and Wurzbach Parkway area in the old Longhorn Quarry. Construction will begin in early July 2008 with the new stadium completed and ready for game play by early September 2009.

If you have any questions or for more information please contact N.E.I.S.D. at 804-7000.

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BITS AND PIECES

We need some additional Board members. Specifically, if you live behind the clubhouse we could especially use a representative from your area.

This involves attending monthly meetings, which are held the second Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and being as active as your schedule allows on a committee of your choosing (we have several, two of which need someone).

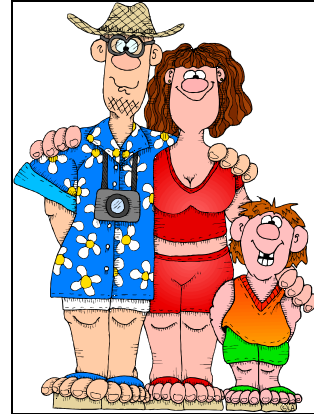
You should, of course, be a member of the association. It's a wonderful way to be aware of what's going on in the subdivision, as well as meet more neighbors.

If you have experience in fundraising & would like to help improve our facilities, we'd love to hear your ideas!

Do you like meeting people who are new to the subdivision & make them feel welcome?

If any of these opportunities interest you, please call Dianne Johnson at 655-2327. Thanks!

VALENCIA SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES



FRIDAY, JULY 11TH CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

usually

Bring your chair, blanket, or pillow to enjoy this movie “under the stars”. Movie begins as soon as it is dark outside, around 8:00 p.m. *Free Admission*

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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CRAFT/SCRAPBOOKING FOR MOMS

Enjoy a *no cost to you* cardmaking/scrapbooking event.

Instructions provided for homemade cards. All stamps, punches and paper trimmers will be provided. Please RSVP event by **Wednesday, July 16th** to Clemen Garcia, 653-

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VALENCIA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual meeting of the Valencia Neighborhood Association will be held on **Thursday, September 25, 2008** at the Valencia Clubhouse. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. A program focusing on neighborhood concerns will be offered. Area representatives for the Association will be elected that evening. All residents are invited to attend.

KUDOS

Recently the Valencia Home Owners Association received an award from the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) for their efforts in water conservation. VHOA signed up SAWS customers for almost 400 water-saving toilets. These toilets save about 1 million gallons of water a year for each 100 toilets installed. Through this effort the VHOA saved over 3 million gallons of water in District 10.

VALENCIA ORANGE BLOSSOM ADVERTISING RATES

Business Cards	\$15.00 per issue
¼ Page	\$24.00 per issue
½ Page	\$48.00 per issue
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Call Sheila Clark at 653-5331 or Pops Rodriguez at 656-4208 to place an ad.

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Neighborhood Cellular on Patrol Class

The Hills of Park North Neighborhood Association is hosting a Cellular On Patrol Class and would like to invite any interested resident to join them for the training.

The date is Saturday, **July 19** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the North East Service Center, 10303 Tool Yard. Bring a snack to enjoy during the class. Contact Bud Little at 653-5602 to attend.

Valencia Has a Band

Flatfoot Susie is a blues-rock trio in Northeast San Antonio that is fronted by guitarist/singer/songwriter Michael Mitchell of the Valencia Subdivision. Mitchell began playing guitar at the age of 4 and first played professionally at the age of 12. He has played with many bands during the last 20 years. Flatfoot Susie's bass player is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist named Brent Ferguson, who teaches Jazz Composition at Texas State University. He is 22 years old and is a dynamic stage presence. Drummer Adam Duff is the baby of the group at 18 years of age. He more than holds his own with his veteran counterparts.

The band is an example of a classic jam band, with a strong dose of improvisational playing bringing out the color in their writing and composing. Old school showmanship is on display with Mitchell occasionally wading into an audience, playing behind his back, with his teeth or in the middle of the street.

Their regular gig is at Big Dog's Bar & Grill on Saturday nights, located at the intersection of Perrin Beitel and Wurzbach Parkway. Their website is www.myspace.com/flatfootsusie. See them now because at the end of the summer, Mitchell will be hanging up his "performance cleats".



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Valencia Neighborhood Association

....why you should be a member

This information is included each issue of the Orange Blossom Newsletter, reminding you of the Valencia Neighborhood Association annual dues and why you should be a member. There are two of levels of participation this year. In the past we only offered a full privilege membership that cost \$75.00 each year. With plans to resurface the tennis courts, and to offer many fun activities aimed at increasing quality of life in your neighborhood, we hope residents will see the value in a paid membership. With a goal of keeping all of our residents informed, we offer email updates and newsletters delivered to your door regardless of membership dues. We would however like to encourage you to join at the full price membership level, that gives you access to all the great things that we will offer this year, and allows us to continue to operate as a great neighborhood association.

Description/Annual Dues/Benefits

Email, \$0.00, The best and most timely way to share important neighborhood information is through email. This level allows us to do just that with all residents, regardless of membership in the VHOA. This level is available to anyone in Valencia or neighboring areas who provides the association with contact information, including an email address. Valencia will never share your contact information with any other organizations. This level includes invitations to the annual National Night Out event held in conjunction with the San Antonio Police Department.

Resident Membership, \$75.00, This level would include all of the benefits listed above as well as invitations to club events. These events would include such activities as game nights, movie nights, bicycle rides, group walking, wine tasting events, and neighborhood cookouts/dinners held at the club house for members only. The full membership would also include access to the tennis courts, the ability to rent the club house, and special cookouts targeted towards our membership.

Associate Membership, \$85.00, This level is for NON-Residents who join solely for the purpose of renting our clubhouse.

Your annual membership dues may be one of the best investments you can make. The Valencia Association uses the dues collected each year to:

- Maintain the clubhouse and its grounds
- Publish a neighborhood newsletter
- Maintain the tennis courts
- Sponsor National Night Out events
- Plant and care for our entryway and clubhouse gardens
- Provide neighborhood security through sponsoring the COP program
- Reduce and cover graffiti in our neighborhood
- Enforce neighborhood covenants
- Monitor and if necessary, fight zoning changes
- Conduct neighborhood activities

All of this work just can not be accomplished without the strong support of our residents. Please do your part to help protect and preserve the quality of life in our neighborhood. Send your dues payment as soon as possible. Lets keep Valencia one of the cleanest, safest, and most attractive neighborhoods in San Antonio!

Larry Johnson
Membership Chair
VHOA, Neighborhood Association

Valencia Neighborhood Association

2008 Membership Application

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

We NEED you to join the Valencia Home Owners Association. Please fill in the information below and return along with your selected membership payment to:

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

(Please PRINT all information clearly)

Name_____

First

Last

Household Members_____

Address_____ZIP CODE_____

Phone_____Date_____

Email _____@_____

2008 Membership Level (circle)

Email-Free, Resident Member-\$75.00, Associate Member-\$85.00

Please make check payable to: VHOA

Enclosed is my payment for \$_____ My Check #_____

I would be interested in helping with:

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Cellular on Patrol_____

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Fund Raising_____

Newsletter_____

Parties/Activities_____

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