

# The Orange Blossom

## Newsletter for the Valencia Neighborhood



September 2008

### **President's Message**

#### What's Up?!

The **Annual Meeting** of your Valencia Home Owners Association will be held Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 PM. at the Valencia Clubhouse. We will give an accounting of our stewardship and seek input from you for goals for the coming year. Officers for the 2008-2009 term will be elected.

National Night Out will be held October 7, 2008 beginning at 6:00 PM. Barbara Scheib has some interesting things planned that will entertain and inform you. I understand there will be food.

Community Link Center is now open. See Ed Keely's article for details for available services. We owe Chip Hass and John Clamp our gratitude for staying the course and making this a reality for our area.

"On Call" Brush and Trash Collection is coming. Watch for a door hanger from the city that will give inception date and details. Our area was selected for the pilot program.

Automated Garbage Pickup is also coming but not until 2009.

A Senior Center has been proposed. There is agreement that this would be a worthwhile project, but it comes down to money and spending priorities.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Site is another proposed project that is worthwhile but depends on money and a priority assignment near the top. We really need this.

Code Compliance is a big problem in our neighborhood. There have been two cases recently that the Board of Adjustment has asked the VHOA Board to consider and vote to grant or reject a variance from a code requirement. I have appointed a Board member to coordinate Code Violations. Continue to report violations to 311 or the neighborhood link web site at: [info@neighborhoodlink.com](mailto:info@neighborhoodlink.com)

The Club House Kitchen Remodeling will soon be underway. The VHOA Board has approved plans to replace the 70's cabinets, countertops and floor. We hope this will be completed by the annual meeting.

### ***Tennis Courts!***

What should we do about the tennis courts? This is a controversial issue. We have competing obligations to resolve. We are obligated to spend your money wisely. We are also obligated to maintain the facilities to accommodate activities. We are seeking a consensus on this. Let us know what you think. Call, write or attend the annual meeting and make your opinion known.

We need your help. Join, volunteer, work and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

-- Phillip Jackson, President

# Thousand Oaks Branch Library

4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.

(210) 657-5205

## THURSDAYS STORYTIME

- 10:00a.m. Recommended for children  
ages 18mo – 3 years
- 11:00a.m. Recommended for children  
ages 3 – 5 years

## ROCK BAND/GUITAR HERO THURSDAYS

6:00p-8:00p.m.

Come Rock Out @ your Library!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:00 p.m. Chess Night-Open Play

## SEPTEMBER 8TH

7:00-8:00 p.m. Saving for College

Presented by Primerica:

Come learn how to SAVE for college.

## SEPTEMBER 9TH

7:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Book Club

Discussion of Slaughter-House Five

by Kurt Vonnegut

## SEPTEMBER 15TH

6:30-8:30 p.m. Hispanic Heritage Month  
Barrio Tales: Tops, Kites and Marbles  
(movie)

*Be one of the first to see the new movie, Barrio Tales: Tops, Kites and Marbles (filmed in San Antonio). The story of a grandfather suffering from Alzheimer's disease who is able to remember the days of his youth while teaching his granddaughter the classic childhood games of tops, kites and marbles.*

## SEPTEMBER 20TH

2:00-3:00 p.m. Hispanic Heritage Month  
Ballet Folklorico

Come learn some simple Ballet Folklorico dance steps. (Recommended for children.)

## SEPTEMBER 27TH

2:00-3:00p.m. Brazilian Capoeira

Capoeira is a unique Brazilian art form combining elements of martial arts, dance, music and acrobatics. Come see a live performance by a Capoeira team.

## SEPTEMBER 29TH

6:00-7:00p.m. Computer Class:

Meet the Computer

A basic introduction to the Computer.

Limited seating.

## SEPTEMBER 30TH

6:00-7:00 p.m. Computer Class:

Windows Desktop

Learn how to navigate your Windows Desktop and use it effectively.



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

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## 2008 VHOA Board of Directors

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|----------------|------------------|----------|
| President      | Philip Jackson   | 656-4842 |
| Vice President | Heather Hedquist | 599-8380 |
| Treasurer      | Ed Alexander     | 637-1000 |
| Secretary      | Sheila Clark     | 653-5331 |
| Club Scheduler | Carol Couffer    | 655-0375 |

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Mon-Fri 9-7 PM  
Sat 10-5 PM

# OAK RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

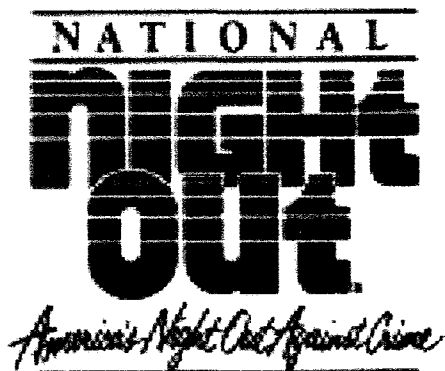
Do you need Garage Sale Permits? Building and Trade Permits? Immunization Records? Birth Certificates, Recycle Bins? VIA Passes and Tickets? Pay Traffic and Parking Fines? Pet Licenses? AND much more?

If you enjoy driving downtown for these services you should not read any farther!

However, if you would like to have these services locally, just drive to the new Oak Ridge Community Service Center. It is located at 11220 Perrin Beitel Road in the Oak Ridge Plaza Shopping Center.

Maggie Schneider has given up retirement to serve as manager and her staff is eager to serve you and help you in every way that is possible.

For more information call the center at 207-5165, Monday through Friday: 8:00am – 6pm. Saturday: 10am – 6pm.



Texas and the Valencia Home Owners Association are holding the *2008 National Night Out Against Crime* on Tuesday, October 7th. Please join us at the Valencia Club House from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This National Night Out event strengthens neighborhood spirit and demonstrates that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime. We will have food, fun, community information and an opportunity to meet more of your neighbors. More information and flyers will be available later in September.

# TRASH, BRUSH & USED APPLIANCES

Did you miss the last pick up by the Solid Waste Department and have to wait for another six months? Are you keeping all of this stuff in your garage or in your side yard?

Your Valencia Homeowners Association is working with the City of San Antonio Solid Waste Department to make some real changes to help you. Just think how nice it would be to just put out all of these items at the curb and have them picked up within six days. This service would be designed to fit your schedule, not the Waste Management's schedule.

Sounds too good to be true? What is the catch?

Watch for our next Orange Blossom Newsletter! All the details and how to get this service will be revealed at that time! It is really true and there is no catch and the service will be completely free of charge. This will be a pilot test program for Valencia residents. Please don't tell your friends in other areas of the city about this new test program. There is no need to make them jealous. They will just have to wait until this test is completed!

Look for all the details in our next newsletter.

--Ed Keely

## Life Line Screening

### Stroke Prevention Screening

Where: Valencia Club House

When: Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Pre-registration is required more than 48 hours in advance

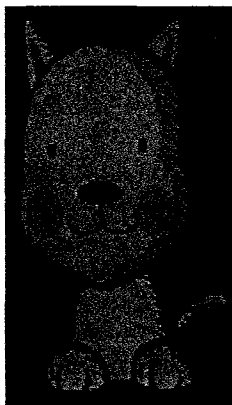
Call 1-800-324-1851

### Valencia Orange Blossom Advertising Rates

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| 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.

## A considerate pet owner should....



This is a reminder to make sure your fence and your gate are in good condition, so that your dog can't go under the fence or gate. The best place for your dog is in the back yard. Leaving your dog in the front yard can be intimidating to passers-by.

It's important to clean up after our dogs, when they "leave their calling card" on some-

one else's lawn. Most people don't appreciate finding that, hopefully not by stepping in it! Cats can create enemies, too, by finding neighbors' flower beds to use as a litter box. There is a leash law for cats.

Thanks for your cooperation.

## CAPTAINS WANTED

Sometimes doing things the way they used to be done is found to be more helpful in achieving a goal than the present method. Such is the case with the way we keep up with our neighbors.

The wonderful people who deliver issues of the newsletters to your door can use some help.

Also, we'd like to welcome new residents of the subdivision to the area, but in order not to miss anyone we need to be informed of their address by a neighbor.

The more people involved, the easier the job is and the larger your group of friends in the neighborhood becomes.

Please call Dianne Johnson at 655-2327 to let her know you're interested (If she knows your name & address & doesn't hear from you, she may call you!).



## **PARKER POWER PRESSURE WASHING**

*Tired of looking at your dirty driveway????*

**We can help!!!!**

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- Sidewalks
- Decks
- Patios

**Basically anything that you need pressure washed**

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## Your Service Team

If you have ideas about remodeling, repairs and/or additions to your residence or business, you need to talk to us. We have been working in the San Antonio area for over 20 years and we will listen to what you want. Our beliefs of integrity, working hard and maintaining a Christian attitude have contributed to the building of long-term relationships with our many clients.

Our team of experts will help you enlarge or brighten up your kitchen, bathroom or entire house, turning your house into the *HOME* you *WANT* it to be. From Tracey, who will take your call, to our estimator Ed, to Paul, our project manager, and to Mike, our quality control manager, our hard-working staff is anxious to hear from you. We are also pleased to work with real estate agents, interior decorators and insurance companies.

## WHAT WE DO

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**Painting** – Exterior, interior, sheetrock, wallpaper, staining and sealing

**Flooring** – All types, including carpet, vinyl, ceramic, wood, stamped and stained concrete, custom designs

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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:

VHOA Board Member\_\_\_\_\_

Cellular on Patrol\_\_\_\_\_

Code Compliance\_\_\_\_\_

Grounds Committee\_\_\_\_\_

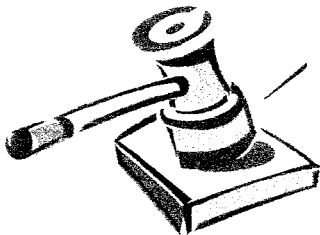
Fund Raising\_\_\_\_\_

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Parties/Activities\_\_\_\_\_

Welcome Committee\_\_\_\_\_

Flyers\_\_\_\_\_



# **VALENCIA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

*Date: Thursday, September 25, 2008*  
*When: 7:00 p.m.*  
*Where: Valencia Club House*

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.

Refreshments will be served.