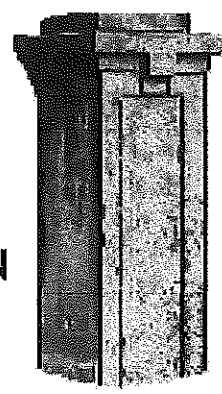


BEACON NEWS

FEBRUARY 2012



BEACON HILL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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www.bhana-sa.org

Check out our website at www.bhana-sa.org or visit us on Facebook at Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association.

Beacon Hill Area Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization working for the benefit of owners and residents of the Beacon Hill area of San Antonio, Texas.

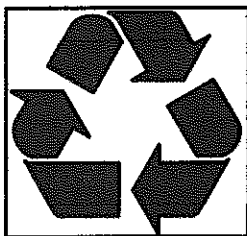
The boundaries are Hildebrand on the North, Fredericksburg Rd on the South and the Union Pacific Rail Road tracks near IH-10 on the West and the Union Pacific Rail Road tracks between Blanco Rd and San Pedro Rd on the East.

Beacon Hill is a Conservation District in the City of San Antonio.

PLEASE RECYCLE

As residents get ready for the new year, the Solid Waste Management Department wants to send a friendly reminder to residents about all of the items that can be recycled. Recycling doesn't have to be a chore, it's easy to do and it can be fun too. In the City's recycling program you just have to remember a few simple steps.

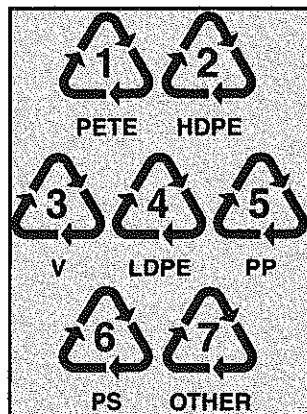
1. Most types of paper can be recycled. So feel free to throw items such as: newspapers



ad circulars
magazines
cereal boxes
paper towel cores
paper bags,
telephone books
non-metallic gift wrap

2. Glass bottles and jars of all colors. All you need to do is remove the lid and rinse all the food and liquid from them then they are ready to be recycled.

3. Plastics. When it comes to plastic containers you want to look for the numbers one through seven in the center of the recycling symbol. If you see that, then it can be recycled.



BHANA GENERAL MEETING

Monday February 13, 2012 7:00 pm

Location: Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church at 1101 W. Woodlawn

Agenda: Eddie Romero from Red Collar

Media will do a presentation on how to use Facebook

Please Note: Any person requesting to present formally to the community at the general meeting must submit their request to the secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting to be placed on the agenda. The time allowed for presentations, unless decided by the Board

Just as you did in the steps to the left, make sure it is clean before throwing in the blue cart.

4. Metal cans. Just like with glass you want to be sure they are clean but if it is metal or aluminum or even steel, it can be recycled.

5. Milk, juice and soup containers are now accepted in your blue recycling cart!

Remember no plastic bags, food, clothes hangers, grass clippings, wet waste or packaging styrofoam belongs in the blue recycling cart.

BHANA REPORTS

Benevolent Fund

Once again thank you all for helping and supporting the "Christmas Project." Our next project is "EASTER EGG HUNT" set for April 5th 2012. We need wrapped candy and donations. More information will follow. Thanks from Lucy Eller, 733-9276 and Lola Rodriguez, 844-9226.

Community Garden

Our garden was selected by the SA Housing Authority to be shown to a group of residents from Wheatley neighborhood who are involved in a project to create a "community of choice". The goal of the tour was to create ideas showing what a dedicated group of volunteers could do to revitalize a neighborhood.

According to Arrie Porter, "we think the BH Community Garden is a great example of community initiative". So right at 10:30 on Jan 31st a large tour bus pulled up and 30-40 people got out and strolled through the garden. They were very enthusiastic and said they have a large empty lot that could be converted to a garden. We wish them the best of luck!

Our next big project is to have a fence constructed along one side of the garden. Green Space Alliance has once again generously given us a grant to help pay for materials. We are looking for volunteers to help with the construction.

In March there will be a clean up day and that will also be the perfect time to start planting. Those who want to start a vegetable plot can call Dara Anderson at 264-8568. There are still plots available.

Animal Control

Animal Defense League is still offering free spay and neuter for your cat or dog if you live in 78201 zip code. Please call 210-655-1481, Website <http://www.adltxas.org>

In the last few weeks I have been aware of a pack of large dogs roaming the area mostly between Woodlawn and French around Michigan. I have called 3 times about these dangerous dogs. One is a white pit bull that looks all cut up. If they are still around please call 311. You can also call or email me, Mary McConnell at moeymc1@gmail.com or 210-354-5230. Thanks!

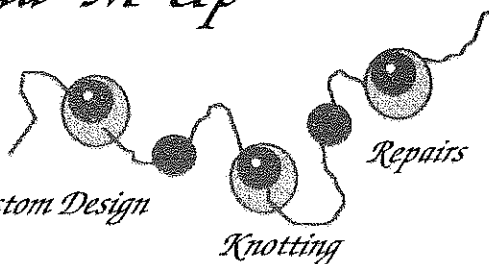
Heart of the Neighborhood (HON)

There are still around 25 BH calendars left. They have been discounted to \$10.00 so now is the time to get one. There are interesting neighborhood histories and information; and 12 photos of our unique and diverse houses!

It is time to start planning for the annual neighborhood garage sale. This is your best chance to pick up cool STUFF including furniture, clothes, art and kitchen items. Plus you can get rid of what you no longer want. The money raised goes toward NNO, the Christmas Party and other projects for the neighborhood. A planning meeting will be held on February 28th at 7:00 PM at 931 W. Woodlawn. The garage sale will be in March at a date to be decided upon.

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Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

Did you know that the Solid Waste Management Department provides a collection assistance if a resident qualifies with a medical disability? If you know of any residents that cannot physically take their cart to the curb, please have them contact us. They will need to submit a signed doctor's statement to qualify for this service.

In addition, residents may call 3-1-1 to have their cart exchanged from a 96 gallon to a 48 gallon if they do not need or are unable to handle the larger cart. Please let me know if you should have any other questions. Sandy Redmond-Martinez, M.P.A., Senior Management Analyst, Solid Waste Management Department. Office: (210) 207-6437 or cell: (210) 908-8395.

Art Beat By Dara Anderson

Interview with Cee Jay Black

Although Cee Jay Black has a wide range of creative impulses exhibited by her studies in journalism, film, radio (she was a DJ at KSYM), art and design, she has always had a love for designing jewelry. Cee Jay makes jewelry the old fashioned way, piece by piece, fabricated by hand. She brings artisanal techniques to beautiful, avant-garde, one of a kind objects.

5 questions for Cee Jay:

What is your artistic background that led you to designing jewelry?

I grew up surrounded by artists in the Black Stain Glass Studio. Even as a child I was interested in the creative processes of drawing and design. I was fortunate to be encouraged to be imaginative and original. I went to art camp at the McNay. I had a neighbor who made jewelry and I became fascinated with making unusual pieces. I wanted my jewelry to be striking not just what was the fad of the moment! That is still my objective.

Is it more important to start with a beautiful stone or to start with an idea? Do you sketch it out?

Yes to all of that. Sometimes I will keep a stone or beads for years before I find the perfect complement for it. I like to use semi-precious stones and metals, sometimes pieces of fused glass or pottery. My intent is that these components all work together to form a piece that looks both natural and striking.

What inspires you?

My faith and nature-especially under water marine life. I am inspired by natural elements. For instance my daughter found a rock that is shaped like a heart and has striations that look like it has been sewn together. I love that!

What is your goal for your jewelry making for the next year?

I am working on a space at my home to set up my metal smithing tools and start using a new kiln for glass. A home studio, in other words.

Will you be showing at the On-Off Fred. Road tour?

Yes, my studio at BH Presbyterian Church will be open and I will have new pieces to show.



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BHANA Board Meeting Minutes Monday, January 9, 2012. BH Presbyterian Church

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Everett Ives. He presented the agenda and made changes to add discussion of 1027 Aganier and it was adopted by consensus.

1. Mark Reyna, Congressman Doggett's office. Redistricting - changed again - still may be running in San Antonio
2. Code officer Richard Zertuche, introduced Marc Castro on new property code changes. Field office on Dora St. - New Code Compliance Officer Gloria Gutierrez will take over our area temporarily.
3. Cosima Colvin read Treasurers report.
4. Lincoln Avant gave a District 1 update for Councilman Diego Bernal. Linear park update they are working with Alma - working on shade structure to find money. Request for speed humps and stop signs on Elsmere denied by city. He is working on getting probationers to help with fence at Community Garden. D1 is also involved in working out issues on "halfway house" on Aganier.
5. Cosima Colvin gave HD123 report for State Rep Mike Villarreal. New program - SA Serves - provides reader buddies and mentoring of at risk kids - help high schoolers with financial aid research and filling out forms. Need volunteer for reading buddies call Cosima or Mike Villarreal's office - numbers in newsletter
6. Dara Anderson reported for Heart of the Neighborhood on the Christmas party pot luck success. announced that HON needs help on the garage sale coming up. Please call HON, Dara Anderson, Cosima Colvin or Cassy Lewis if you would like to help or DONATE items for the FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE - we have storage space for items now! HON still has 2012 BHANA CALENDARS - please BUY One NOW!
7. Dara Anderson gave Community Garden report - We received a grant for a side fence = \$1440.
8. MaryAnn Van Ness gave the ZUD (Zoning and Urban Design) report - see page 4 in Jan newsletter.
9. Marc Castro - Code Compliance gave a talk on updated minimum property maintenance code. Highlights include but are not limited to: owner must have electricity and heating. Pool and hot tub must be enclosed. Smoke detectors are required. A fence cannot lean more than 15 degrees. He also spoke on property hazards and surface hazards. There is a new appeals process and also a Building Standards Board to deal with DSDB type properties - new board is council appointed and mayor and 3 at large - We will print in the newsletter a web address for getting all of this information. Additional discussion on code enforcement: Citizens can now become volunteer code rangers and graffiti rangers - fill out application and they will be used for patrolling hot spots like known dumping areas - 20 most dumped in areas - Rangers will pick up bandit signs, inventory vacant lots....and for Graffiti they will be able to check out a van and go abate graffiti. There is an orientation held every 4 months and this is on the Code Compliance website.
10. New SAAFE Officer Kenny Cruz. Best way to contact is email Kenneth.Cruz@sanantonio.gov
New contact phone # 207-5177.
11. Cosima Colvin announced program of "Box Tops for Education" to benefit our local schools - look for more info and instructions in the newsletter. She also announced the continuation of "The Graffiti Box Project" call in and request for your Grande Cable Box to be painted.

Our Schools in Our Neighborhood!

Free Money! Well, almost.

We're collecting those little "Box Top\$ for Education" coupons that grace many of the food boxes we purchase.

Cut them out, bring them to the next Neighborhood Association meeting, and put them in the little receptacle boxes. We'll get them to our neighborhood schools and they'll get... needed schools supplies. It's like... free money! Look at www.boxtops4education.org for additional possibilities.



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BASURA BASH and the WESTSIDE CREEKS. CLEAN IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT!

By Abigail Kinnison, Westside Creeks Oversight Committee

The 17th Annual Basura Bash San Antonio Waterways Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 8 a.m. – Noon. Last year's clean up resulted in a total of 35.5 tons of trash, 8.9 tons of tires, and 2.5 tons of metal being collected from the San Antonio river and area waterways. Approximately, 2,606 volunteers cleaned 15 waterways that impact the San Antonio River watershed. **WE NEED YOU TO BE ONE THIS YEAR!**

This is a perfect activity for church youth groups, boy and girl scouts, or employers looking for a community service project. Certificate of hours completed are available.

The Martinez Creek traverses Beacon Hill (along I-10 and in the area near the linear park and community garden) and feeds into the San Antonio River. Help keep our neighborhood beautiful and clean it like you mean it! A Martinez Creek team is being formed now. Those interested in cleaning OUR creek should register online at www.basurabash.org (select the Martinez Creek Tributary) or contact Abigail (akinnis@yahoo.com).

By Mary Ann Van Ness, ZUD

Mark Castro with the City Code Enforcement Division was our January speaker. Mark's presentation was very informative and he addressed some "hot" code compliance issues.

Mark also provided some information on a new volunteer program which specifically works with and on code compliance issues.

Ranger Programs—Code and Graffiti Rangers

Program goals—1. To provide a method for citizens to become actively involved in addressing code issues.

2. To help encourage and educate residents to maintain their property.

Code Ranger Roles

- Bandit sign collection
- Vacant lot/structure inventory
- Illegal dumping monitoring
- Right-of-way obstruction monitoring
- Alley way monitoring
- Education/outreach
- Special projects
- Volunteer program administrative support

Graffiti Ranger Roles

- Graffiti abatement
- Graffiti/tagging inventory
- Obtaining right of entry agreements
- Education/outreach
- Special projects
- Volunteer program administrative support

Orientations held every four months. Application and background checks required. Driver's safety course required to use vehicle. **To volunteer for these programs the point of contact is Joe Picazo, Neighborhood Services Coordinator at 207-5421, or 219-5933, and can also be contacted by email at joe.picazo@sanantonio.gov**



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More of the beautified Grande cable boxes will be seen around our neighborhood soon!

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Our need for the month of February are fideo and vermicelli. Other donations are also accepted. St. Vincent de Paul is an organization that helps those less fortunate in the community. All donations can be dropped off at the rectory located at 210 St. Ann St. For more information call 734-6687.

Support Beacon Hill businesses!

Don't forget to shop in the mid town corridor on Blanco Street. A new shop that opened five months ago is **Rabbit in the Field**. You can buy a bit of jewelry and home decor. **Lolita's** has been on Blanco for five years. Shop there for jewelry and purses. These small businesses and the families that own them are an essential part of the community fabric of Beacon Hill.

Their success is our success.

Come In! Come Upstairs! You've been here...

- in the dining room, every month, for Neighborhood Association meetings
- in the parlor, for the reception honoring Debbie Huerta, after her funeral mass
- all over the building and grounds, every year, for Neighborhood Night Out
- in the sanctuary, for Gay Pride worship and San Antonio Brass concerts
- in classrooms and meeting rooms, for Zoning meetings...

Ever wonder, what's upstairs? Up those stairs in the old "original" Michigan building.

Artists! Artists? In Church?

What are those artists up to, up there?

Come, find out. First hand. Meet the artists! In their studios. The Fifth Annual On and Off Fred Road Artists' Studio Tour... Saturday the 18th of February, 11 - 5 and Sunday, the 19th, noon till 5.

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Every Thursday...Eat healthy, Shop locally, Meet your neighbors...at the Farmer's Market, in the church parking lot every Thursday, 9am - 2 pm

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SAISD and Alamo Stadium

by Maria Antonietta Berriozabal

The recent situation with our San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) is very troubling. We start with the very successful November 2010 \$515 million dollar bond issue. One of the items we voted on was to renovate Alamo Stadium for use of the students.

Prior to the bond election, however, discussions were being held between the Spurs, Sports & Entertainment (SS&E) group and SAISD officials for SS&E's use of the renovated Alamo Stadium for professional soccer.

Discussions were abruptly terminated before the election when many voters opposed this possibility.

However, in early 2012 the SAISD Board was set to vote for the removal of the track at Alamo Stadium, which is a necessity for a FIFA pro-soccer playing field. There were deep objections to this action and many people showed up on January 5th to make their concerns known to the board. Among objections were:

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Treasurer's Report for 12/31/11

Balance Fwd from 11/30/11	\$7062.95
Income	
Advertising-Calendar	
Advertising-Newsletter	
Benevolent Fund Donations	173.00
Benevolent Fund Unused	25.13
Calendar Sales	559.00
HON Holiday Potluck Donations	3.00
Community Garden	
Dividends/Interest	
Total Income	\$760.13
Expenses	
Benevolent Fund	
Calendar Publishing	
Community Garden	48.93
General Fund	
HON Holiday Potluck	104.84
Total Expenses	\$153.77
12/31/2011 Net	\$606.36
Balance	\$7669.31
FUNDS	
Mural Grant	71.99
Liz Davies Park	747.97
Animal Care	187.75
Benevolent Fund	767.42
HON	3837.24
Graffiti Fund	155.06
General Fund	928.14
Community Garden	973.74
Total Funds	\$7669.31

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(From page 6)

SAISD and Alamo Stadium

1. Public trust - Nowhere in the 2010 bond issue ballot did we vote for use of Alamo Stadium for professional soccer.
2. If the track at Alamo Stadium is removed the district will have to find and pay for another venue for the students to use for track.
3. There is a deed restriction for Alamo Stadium stating that there can be no professional sports played there. If an agreement/contract for pro-soccer is entered into there is a group of nearby residents ready to file a lawsuit. In the past they have successfully done this.
4. Quality education should be the number one goal; not pro sports.

No vote was taken on January 5th but the issue returned on January 9th. Again many citizens offered strong testimony against Options that would open the opportunity for pro-sports. Superintendent Robert Duron, the person in charge of SAISD athletics, and the Citizens Oversight Committee [which had been appointed to gain public trust] ALL recommended only renovation of Alamo Stadium - no pro sports preparation. Against all objections, the board voted to keep the track but to still develop a "FIFA playing field." Only Patti Radle and Carlos Villarreal voted No.

After much public opposition, on January 18th Chairman Ed Garza was quoted in the Express as follows: "I believe the focus and the attention by the potential use of the stadium by (Spurs Sports & Entertainment) needs to be taken off the table," Garza said.

With that things have quieted down, but because of the lack of trust on what may occur in the future, I, for one, will not believe the SS&E and pro-soccer is gone until the board rescinds the vote. The only people who can accomplish this are Chairman Garza and Trustees Ruben Cuero, James Howard, Olga Hernandez and Adela Segovia who voted Yes. Hopefully, the vote will be rescinded and the board can go about the business of renovation and not transformation of Alamo Stadium and most importantly, their main emphasis will be the quality education of our children.

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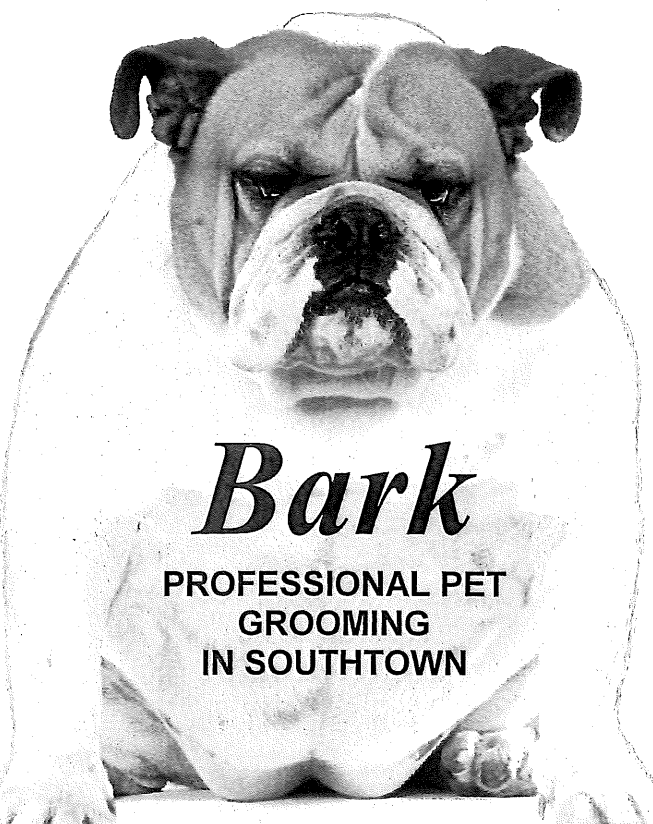
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