

NEWSLETTER



Woodlawn Lake Community Association

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ACS DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT NOV 27th MEETING

Kathy Davis, Director of the City's Animal Care Services Department, will be the speaker at our November 27th meeting. Ms. Davis began her current duties this past August. She most recently ran a private foundation in Los Angeles that seeks to end animal cruelty. Before that she was the assistant and interim general manager of that city's Department of Animal Services. From 2002 to 2008, she headed the Dallas Code Compliance Department which includes animal services. She began her municipal career as director of the South Bend Animal Shelter, where she worked for 12 years.

Animal Care Services (ACS) is dedicated to seeing that every animal in the City receives responsible care. The department seeks to protect both pets and people. It does this by providing shelter for lost and stray pets, medical care and vaccinations for incoming animals, increased enforcement, and public education. We have asked ACS to tell us about pet owner responsibilities, stray dog problems, progress in the no-kill program, and other issues involving domestic animals.

PREZ IS NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR

by Mary Catherine Fernandez

Alejandro Soto is the Neighborhood Resource Center's (NRC) Neighbor of the Year. The award was given at the NRC's 2012 Neighborhood Awards Luncheon on October 19th. The city-wide award recognizes an outstanding individual who has contributed leadership and commitment to the community.

Alex has been WLCA President since 2003. Under his leadership, WLCA membership has tripled and community involvement has increased. He has been the District 7 representative on the City's Parks and Recreation Board since 2007. He served on the Alamo College's Bond and Bond Oversight Committees and on the boards of the Jefferson Woodlawn Lake Community Development Corporation and The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. He is also the State District 116 representative on VIA's Citizens Advisory Council. We congratulate our award winner and thank him for his contributions to WLCA and the City.

LOU KAPLAN PASSES AWAY Long Time Member Helped Found WLCA

Lou Rita Kaplan passed away on November 2nd at the age of 91. She and her late husband Martin Elton moved into the Woodlawn Lake area in 1945. Lou was instrumental in organizing WLCA in the early 1950's. In the 1990's she participated in the Park Planning Team to bring bond-funded improvements to our Park. She served as WLCA's vice-president, secretary, and treasurer and was serving as board member emeritus at the time of her death. WLCA's 1991 Articles of Incorporation with the State is signed by Lou as the Incorporator.

Lou's commitment to her community went beyond her home by the Lake. She was an active member of the Little Flower parish choir for 55 years. She served as an election judge for over 20 years. She was active in various capacities with the Girl Scouts of America since 1945. She taught physical education; gave art lessons to seniors; and would sing for the Morningside Manor Retirement Community. Her charity, devotion, and energy were without limit and she will be greatly missed.

Other Passings - See Remembrances on page 4

SHOPPING SAFETY

Police Chief William McManus reports that thefts account for more than 70% of all property crimes in San Antonio. He offers these suggestions to help prevent theft from your car:

- Park in well-lit areas whenever possible;
- Lock your car doors and keep your windows rolled up (even when parked at home);
- Put valuables (including chargers and window mounts) in the trunk or take them with you;
- Keep a list of serial numbers for valuable items;
- Report thefts to the police immediately.

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Woodlawn Lake Community Association—Membership 2013

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Membership type: _____ Individual [\$5.00 per year] _____ Family/Household [\$10.00 per year]
(please check) _____ School, _____ Non-Profit, or _____ Business [each \$10.00 per year]

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TIME TO RENEW your WLCA membership for 2013. If your member information has not changed, just send your payment annotated "2013 dues." If it has changed, please send the Form above with your dues to WLCA, P.O. Box 28374, San Antonio TX 78228; or bring the Form and your dues to our next WLCA meeting. If the address page of this Newsletter shows that you have paid for 2013, or if you get an email saying that you have paid, disregard this reminder.

MOMENTUM, MEETINGS, MATTERS

Alejandro Soto, WLCA President

Change is in motion. It is happening all around our community and is the result of years of votes, plans, meetings, and debates. Work on the bridges and channel at the west end of our Park will begin this December. Likewise, work at Bandera Center in anticipation of Walmart will begin in December with the construction of satellite stores. Improvements made possible by the 2010 SAISD Bond will begin at area schools this coming spring, Fenwick being first. At that same time, dirt will begin to move at the County's Laddie III project on Fredericksburg Road. VIA's Primo line will begin service in a few weeks (page 3).

This past year we saw a new all-way stop and slower speed limit on the street along our Park's southern border. We also saw the implementation of a curfew and the end of an alcohol privilege at the Park. Signs to prohibit parking during curfew hours will soon go up on the Park's edge. WLCA petitioned, spoke out, and took an active part to bring about these changes. Finally, we saw the recreational component of the Park enhanced by a new playground and expansion of an existing playground, a new fitness station, and a longer swimming season at our pool.

Our meetings are still well attended and I thank and encourage your participation. To control meeting length, we ask members who wish to discuss a particular subject to present it to an officer or board member for placement on the agenda. Also, while WLCA welcomes membership from outside of our geographic area, our focus is on our Park and our community. We will discuss other area concerns only if they impact on WLCA interests.

We are electing new officers and board members. There are no qualifications other than membership and interest in serving. I had been in San Antonio a mere 2 years when I was elected WLCA President. I hope that time as a member or in the neighborhood does not keep an otherwise potential leader or servant of the community from seeking a WLCA office.

I cannot close this column and end the year without mentioning Lou Kaplan. Lou was that unique person you meet once in your life. She cared about people and her community and she acted on it. She was positive, pleasant, and inspiring. She was one of my first friends at WLCA 12 years ago. She was WLCA.

WLCA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Alejandro Soto.....485-6168
wlca@att.net

Vice President: Gene Herrera.....735-8528

Secretary: Ester Soto

Treasurer: Maria Luisa Reyna.....771-7174

Board Members:

Anita Valencia.....734-6282

Andres Perez.....317-9348

Ashley Hernandez.....733-0839

Esther Flores.....733-5101

WLCA Birthdays

November: flower - chrysanthemum; birthstone - topaz

Joe Alderete, Fred Ayers, Veronica Banda, Cristina Bazaldua, Carol Chincanchan, Diana Gallardo, Beatriz Garcia, Dale Jenssen, Aleida Gomez, JoAnn Hernandez, Norma Hernandez, Cynthia Pellegrino, Richard Reyna, Carol Salas, Mary Sanchez, Ester Soto, Mario Valencia, Raul Vasquez, David Zepeda

December: flower - narcissus; birthstone - turquoise

Kenneth Beanland, Carmen Blyth, Laura Campos, Diana Gary, Marie Cooper, Amelia De La Garza, Servando De La Garza, Paul Garza, Norma M. Gonzales, Humberto Guerra Jr., Javier Gutierrez, Eugene S. Herrera, Martha J. Kwan, Isabel Mena, Thomas Moffett, Craig Overmiller

DISTRICT 7 PARTY

Councilman Cris Medina invites all residents to the District 7 Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 11th, 6 - 8 pm, at St. Luke's Catholic Parish Hall, 4603 Manitou Drive. The party will include food and live music. Entrance fee is an unwrapped toy, canned goods valuing \$5, or a \$5 donation to support Blue Santa and the SA Food Bank. The Council office will be giving more information.

WLCA VOTES

Elections for WLCA Executive Board positions will take place at our November meeting. Those elected as officers and board members will serve in 2013 and 2014. Nominations began at our October meeting and will continue prior to voting.

All current Executive Board members have been nominated for another term. However, a number of these individuals have indicated that they would step down should other candidates be offered. An updated candidate list will be presented at the meeting. Persons interested in serving are encouraged to run.

Qualifications to seek office and to vote, as well as a list of all positions and their respective duties, are in our last (Sept-Oct 2012) newsletter.

Members and their families are invited to our

WLCA Christmas Party

DATE: Sunday, December 9, 2012

TIME: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PLACE: The Salvation Army Peacock Center, 2810 W. Ashby Place, Building 2, Dining Room. This building is behind the Chapel, which sits at the southeast corner of Wilson and Ashby, and is reached through the new parking lot and courtyard on the east side of the Chapel.

PARKING: You can park on Ashby and in parking lots on the north side of Ashby, or the small lot on the south side of Ashby, one building from Wilson. (The other parking lot on the south side of Ashby is for the use of the tenants of the William Booth and Catherine Booth Senior Apartments.)

DETAILS on food, door prizes, entertainment, and other facets of the party were sent out (email & USPS) two weeks ago. Please let WLCA know if you did not receive this notice or if you need more information.

PITCHIN: We need volunteers to help set up and clean up and to keep things running smoothly. We cannot have a successful gathering without member involvement. Please call or email to volunteer.

REMINDER: Please no alcohol and no smoking.

THANKS: We thank The Salvation Army for letting us use its facilities for our party and for our meetings during the year.

Happy Holidays & Best Wishes for 2013

VIA PRIMO BEGINS BRT SERVICE

December 17th is the date. VIA Primo will begin operation between downtown and the South Texas Medical Center via Fredericksburg Road. It will replace the current Routes 91, 92, and 302 (yellow line). This is VIA's first BRT (bus rapid transit) line. This new service will be provided by 60-foot articulated vehicles that run on compressed natural gas.

Eight Primo station locations are completing construction, as are anchor facilities at the South Texas Medical Center Transit Center and the Westside Multimodal Transit Center. The line will operate every day from 4 am to 1 am. Departures from each station will be at 10 minute intervals on weekdays and 15 minute intervals on weekends. The buses will have additional features as free Wi-Fi, wheelchair self-restraint, bikes on board, and LCD information displays. There will be convenient extensions to UTSA and Leon Valley. For all this, fares remain the same as for regular bus travel.

Other bus routes will be affected. Route 520 (Zarzamora) will go beyond the Crossroads Park and Ride to the new Medical Center Transit Center. Route 96 (Vance Jackson) will continue past Fredericksburg Road and Olmos to downtown.

There will be a launch ceremony on December 15th, 10 am, at the new Medical Center station, 5333 Medical Drive. There will be free rides on the Primo that day and the following (16th).

ON & OFF FRED ROAD ART TOUR

Applications for artists or sponsors to participate in the 6th Annual On & Off Fredericksburg Road Art Studio Tour in February 2013 are due to Bihl Haus Arts by December 7th at 5 pm. For information, contact event co-chair Kellen Kee McIntyre at 383-9723, email kellenkee@swbell.net.

Next Meeting: November 27th, 7 pm

Salvation Army Peacock Center, 2810 W. Ashby, Bldg 2

Following Meeting: January 29, 2013

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P.O. Box 28374
San Antonio TX 78228



PARK COMMUNITY ROOM OPENS

A ribbon cutting ceremony on November 26th at 4 pm will officially open the Woodlawn Lake Community Room. This is at the site of the former library in the Woodlawn Gym building. The room will have free WiFi and a lounge area for residents and guests to come in and enjoy. There will be no charge for the use of the room and no reservations will be needed.

The former library was being used for storage. It has received a complete makeover. The ornate fireplace has been delicately repainted to its original grandeur, new carpet has been brought in, all walls are repainted, modern lighting has been added, and comfortable furniture has been ordered. It is ADA compliant.

REMEMBRANCES

Leo York died on September 18th at the age of 92. He was a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel. He with Helen, his wife of 70 years, had been a WLCA member for several years.

Dr. Bernard Weiner died on November 7th at the age of 83. He was a long-time medical practitioner in our community and served as a trustee in the Alamo Community College District. He and his wife Marcia, former Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace, had been WLCA members.

Holiday Activities in the City

(Some events require an admission fee or donation)

Nov 17-Jan 6: Light the Way, Univ. of the Incarnate Word

Nov 23: Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5-7:30 pm, Alamo Plaza;
River Parade & Lighting Ceremony, 7-10 pm, Riverwalk

Nov 24 (1:30pm) & 25 (2:30pm): Holly Daze on the Riverwalk, Arneson River Theatre

Nov 29-Dec 23: Riverwalk Boat Caroling, 6:30-9:30 pm

Nov 30 (6-9pm), Dec 1&2 (11am - 6pm): Hecho a Mano /
Made by Hand, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center

Nov 30-Dec 16: Riverwalk Luminarias; Fri, Sat, & Sun 7-10pm

Dec 1: Tamales! Holiday Festival, 12n - 6pm, Pearl Brewery

Dec 7-9: Arts & Crafts Show, 11am - 11pm, Riverwalk

Dec 8: Holiday Gift Fair, 10am - 4pm, SA Museum of Art

Dec 8: Blessing of the Animals, 12n - 6pm, Market Square

Dec 8: La Gran Tamalada, 11am - 1pm, Guadalupe Theatre

Dec 9: Chanuka on the River, 4:30pm, Arneson River Theatre

Dec 16: Carols by Candlelight, 5:30-9:30 pm, Arneson Theatre

Dec 22: Stone Oak Youth Theatre & Dance Co. presents "The Nutcracker Beat!," 11am - 2pm, Arneson River Theatre

Dec 31: Celebrate San Antonio, New Year's Eve celebration, 6pm, S. Alamo St. between Market St. & Cesar Chavez Blvd.