



HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING!

THCA PUBLIC MEETING - NOV. 15, 2012

Our final THCA Public Meeting for 2012 is set for November 15th at 6pm. The meeting will be held in the Broadway Bank Community Room, located in the lobby level of the Metropolitan Methodist Gateway Building, 1100 McCullough. Of course, we will have reports on our finances, membership, and other business items. But the exciting part of the meeting will come from our featured speakers. We will have representatives from CPS Energy and the City of San Antonio to discuss energy conservation REBATES, and ways you can take advantage of programs to save you money!

Did you know that there is a program that offers you a complete Energy Audit of your home, including a written report with recommendations for improvements? You pay \$25 up front and the City funds the balance of the cost (an additional \$750) for a professional energy auditor to do the evaluation and write your report. The bonus is that, if you make the improvements, and the result is a reduction of at least 15% in your CPS bill, you can receive up to a \$2,000 payment! And there are many other programs and rebates available to ratepayers. Sound interesting? Well come to the meeting and find out more from a representative of CPS Energy and the City of San Antonio.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR THCA MEMBERSHIP

THCA's membership year is January 1 to December 31 of each year. BUT, to get a jump on things, we begin our annual renewal drive in November. For existing members, it just "gets it out of the way": but for new members they become members the date their check is received and their membership will be good for all of 2013! Membership in THCA is not expensive, and we believe that we do provide benefits to our membership. Here are just a few:

- Our bi-monthly public meetings,
- The THCA Monthly Newsletter,
- Various social events,
- Representation of Tobin Hill at City and County meetings,
- Coordination of issues with our City of San Antonio Councilman and his staff, and
- Contacts with individuals, companies, and organizations interested in investing in Tobin Hill,

We all know that there is strength in numbers, and YOUR membership helps THCA to be a strong force for improvements in our neighborhood. So don't wait, go to **PAGE SIX** and print out a copy of the membership form, write the check, and put it in the mail or bring the form and your check to the November Public Meeting. THANKS for your support of THCA (your community association).

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Tobin Hill Upcoming Events

November 8, 2012

THCA Monthly Board Meeting
Location: 405 E. Myrtle Street
Contact: Martin Kushner for info
Time: 6 p.m.

November 9, 2012

Tobin Hill Arts Alliance
Second Friday Art Walk
Location: 527 E.. Dewey and more
Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

November 11, 2012

Rock n Roll Marathon
Location: thru Tobin Hill, THCA meets @ McCullough & Myrtle
Time: 8 a.m.

November 15, 2012

THCA Public Meeting
Location: Broadway Bank -:Lobby
1100 McCullough
Contact: Martin Kushner for info
Time: 6 p.m.

December 14, 2012

Tobin Hill Arts Alliance
Second Friday Art Walk
Location: 527 E.. Dewey and more
Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

December 20, 2012 (Tentitive)

THCA Monthly Board Meeting
Location: D.R. Semmes Family
YMCA at TriPoint
Contact: Braxton Clark for info
Time: 6 p.m.



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FROM THCA PRESIDENT MARTY KUSHNER



Now is the time for YOU to show your pride and involvement in Tobin Hill and the Tobin Hill Community Association. The article below is a request for you to step up to the table and volunteer to be a member of the THCA Board. Why do it you may ask? After all, things seem to be going well, others are volunteering, and I'm really very busy... there just isn't time. Well the fact is that every organization needs and requests volunteers and we are no exception. Being a member of the THCA Board is really not all that time consuming.... we meet monthly, for about 1-1/2 hours, and accomplish a great deal in a very short amount of time. There will always be turnover in any board, and THCA truly does need new perspectives and ideas. We are doing well but that trend needs to continue. We have vacancies in the residential and business categories. PLEASE consider doing your part. Show your Tobin Hill pride.

Tobin Hill is not only about growth and development.... although there certainly has been a lot of that going on. All you have to do is look around you to see home renovations and improvements, with major work happening at Metropolitan Methodist Hospital, the new Tobin Lofts at San Antonio College, and so much more at and near the Pearl. I am talking about the social aspects of Tobin Hill. Our highly successful National Night Out Event in October, Siclovia, and our Rock n Roll Marathon viewing party in November are just a few examples of the ways we get together to have fun and share the joy of knowing each other. If you haven't recently attended a THCA event, do so.... you will not regret it.

Finally, on the subject of showing up at our Public Meeting, you will not want to miss the one scheduled for November 15th. Our guest speakers will be telling us about ways we can save money on our energy bill and get rebates from CPS Energy. The idea for the presentation started when Ricki and I attended a City sponsored event on the preservation of historic homes. There was a representative from CPS talking about Energy Audits and ways to get rebates. One program could result in you receiving a payment of up to \$2,000. Sound interesting? Don't miss the meeting to get all of the details.

FROM THE THCA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The THCA Board consists of a President and 10 members (7 residential and 3 business). A Nominating Committee, Cody Doege and Gabriel Sanchez have been appointed, and they will be bringing a slate of nominees to the THCA Board at their December meeting. They have already started their search for candidates to fill the position of President (Residential member) which has a 1-year term, four Board Members (Residential members) for 2-year terms, and two Board Members (Business category) for 2-year terms. As required by our By-laws, the slate will be submitted to all eligible THCA voting members at least 15-days prior to the Annual Meeting (set for January 24, 2013).

To be eligible to serve on the Board you must have been a current dues paying member of THCA for at least SIX MONTHS. The Board meets monthly (currently the third Thursday) at the YMCA.

We need your help and involvement. If you are willing to serve on the Board please contact Nominating Committee Chair Cody Doege (685-4674 or codydoege819@hotmail.com) and he will provided you with the necessary information to submit your application.

THE GARDEN VIEW by Melissa Miller

Is on vacation and will be back next month.

DATES OF FUTURE THCA PUBLIC MEETINGS

November 15, 2012	January 24, 2013
March 28, 2013	May 23, 2013
July 25, 2013	September 26, 2013
November 21, 2013	January 23, 2014

Each Public Meeting includes general THCA business, but there will also be one featured topic that we hope will be of interest to all of our members. All meetings and subject matter will be announced in this Newsletter in advance

ROCK N ROLL MARATHON IN TOBIN HILL

DON'T FORGET, WAKE UP EARLY ON NOVEMBER 11th

Once again the route of the San Antonio Rock n Roll Marathon will wind its way thru Tobin Hill. This year the event is on November 11th, with runners estimated to reach our neighborhood by 8 am. To celebrate the Marathon THCA members will gather at the corner of McCullough and Myrtle (look for the THCA Banner) to cheer on our neighbors and visitors from across the country and the world. Come join us, bring your coffee (or other beverage), the kids, and the dogs, and have some fun! We will be looking for you.



FROM DISTRICT ONE COUNCILMAN BERNAL'S NEWSLETTER

Weatherization Assistance Programs

The **AACOG Weatherization Assistance Program** is designed to help low-income residents, particularly the elderly and handicapped, overcome the high cost of energy through the installation of energy conservation measures by enhancing their homes' thermal boundary free of charge. Applicants must meet federal income eligibility requirements. For an application, visit aacpg.dst.tx.us.

CPS Energy Weatherization Program, Casa Verde SA, is a CPS Energy weatherization program which assists homeowners and renters in reducing their monthly utility bills with energy efficiency upgrades. These upgrades are free of charge. Eligibility is determined upon revision of an applicant's finances and home. For more information on upcoming intake sessions, visit cpsenergy.com.

Jaywalking Enforcement

This year a record number of 31 fatalities due to jaywalking accidents have been reported. Four of these victims were senior citizens. Starting last Friday, the San Antonio Police Department started more aggressively enforcing the law and will issue a \$200 ticket to violators without a warning. Chief McManus addressed this issue in SAPD's "Walk Safe SA" video.



Pedestrians should use designated crosswalk areas, cross at indicated times by traffic lighting, and never cross highways on foot. Even when protected by a pedestrian light, look both ways and always guide children by the hand when crossing.

HONOR FOR TOBIN HILL BUSINESS

The November issue of *San Antonio Magazine* included a best of San Antonio feature. We are proud to report that **NEVA face and body SPA**, located on the corner of Dewey and Kendall, was voted **BEST FACIAL SPA** in San Antonio for the second year in a row. Considering the amount of competition, this is an amazing honor! And just think, this wonderful spa, a long standing Business Member of THCA, is in our wonderful neighborhood! Congratulations Neva.

To celebrate this award, their Three-Year Anniversary in the neighborhood, and the upcoming holiday season, Neva is inviting Tobin Hill neighbors and friends to a party on December 1st from 6 to 9 pm. There will be food, prizes and service specials. Stop by and give Neva a hug and thank her for her support of Tobin Hill.

NEVA face and body SPA
Annual Spa-Liday Party
December 1st – 6pm to 9pm

Locally sourced organic catering by TimTheGirl

Great door prizes

25% OFF Sale on all Gift Certificates for Spa Services – Massage and Facials
 PCA Skin Care
 Mama Mio Body Care
 Clarisonic Pro and Mia

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TOBIN LOFTS AT SAC GROUNDBREAKING

Tobin Lofts at San Antonio College

On the morning of October 25th Tobin Hill celebrated another major event. The Alamo Colleges in partnership with the NRP Group LLC broke ground on Tobin Lofts at San Antonio College, a new \$45 million mixed use development to provide students, faculty, and staff with an affordable and contemporary living option. Tobin Lofts will feature 225 apartments (one, two, and four bedroom configurations), a six-story 961 space parking garage, and 14,000 square feet of ground level commercial leasing space.

On behalf of THCA, President Martin Kushner and Economic Development Chair Carolyn Kelley attended the event. During the ceremony Carolyn Kelley and the Tobin Hill Community Association were lauded for their part in helping to move the project forward and in promoting the growth of our neighborhood. Dr. Robert Zeigler, President of SAC said, "The Tobin Hill neighborhood is certain to benefit from a mixed use facility that offers retail, housing and parking." Construction is under way with student move-in dates for the Fall 2013 semester, followed by additional lofts opening in Spring 2014."



Daniel Markson, NRP Group



Robert Zeigler
San Antonio College President



Bruce Leslie
Alamo Colleges Chancellor



Marty Kushner, Carolyn Kelley
with President Zeigler

A LITTLE BIT OF TOBIN HILL HISTORY VOL. 15

by Ricki Kushner

Historic Gas Stations in Tobin Hill

In 1983 the San Antonio Conservation Society asked Kitty Massey to survey the old gas stations in the original 36 square mile city limits of San Antonio. So she and her survey committee listed the addresses of all the gas stations they could find in the city directories from 1910 to 1940. Then they went to those addresses with a survey form and described it and photographed it. The survey forms and photographs were collected into large notebooks. The notebooks have been in the Conservation Society Library ever since then. But this summer, I was asked by the Conservation Society to pick up the survey and bring it from 1940 to 1970, to locate the stations which would now be at least 50 years old.

I've located many of the old filling stations on Tobin Hill's commercial corridors, and would like to point a few out to you.

Did you know that Armadillo's, at 1423 McCullough, and the Sandwich Garden, at 1826 McCullough, are old filling stations? There's an old Humble Oil station (now La Morenita, built in 1937) at 1502 McCullough, and an old one (probably built in the late 1920s or early 1930s) at 1903 McCullough. The service bays at 1903 McCullough still have pressed tin ceilings.

Moving over to North St. Mary's, some of the notable ones are 1726 N. St. Mary's (originally a Shell station, built in 1934), 2222 N. St. Mary's (originally Jameson's Service Station, built in 1931), 2327 N. St. Mary's (originally owned by the Pierce Oil Co., built in 1929, one of the oldest), 2334 N. St. Mary's (now the Hot Spot Bar-B-Que, originally owned by A.L. McCollum, built in 1934), 2926 N. St. Mary's (originally owned by the Magnolia Oil Refining Co., built in 1929), 3011 N. St. Mary's (Yes, the Candlelight was once a gas station. If you go through the restaurant and through the patio door, turn left and look what's beside the building. It's a Tobin Hill hidden treasure. The building may date from 1922 and the gas pumps, in all their glory, were added in 1934.)

There are others, but I'll leave it to you to find them.



1502 McCullough



1826 McCullough



2222 N. St. Mary's



2327 N. St. Mary's



3011 N. St. Mary's



Ricki Kushner is chair of THCA's Historic Preservation Committee. She got very interested in preservation when she was researching the history and style of her California Craftsman bungalow. She now collects every bit of information about the history of Tobin Hill that comes her way.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR THCA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013 COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND MAIL IT IN. THANK YOU.



The Tobin Hill Community Association is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit association. Its mission is to facilitate implementation of the Tobin Hill Neighborhood Plan; protect the Tobin Hill Historic District and other Tobin Hill historic buildings; and improve quality of life through the collaboration of those who live, work, and contribute to the social fabric of Tobin Hill.

TOBIN HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Please enroll me as a member of the Tobin Hill Community Association.

- \$15 Resident Household Member.** Limit 2 votes per Household. \$15 per voting member. (If there is one voting member in your household, your membership is \$15. If there are two, each pays \$15, for a total of \$30 per household. Must live in Tobin Hill.
- Business Memberships.** Limit - one vote, designated business representative, and alternate per business. Must have a business or nonresident property located in Tobin Hill.
- \$29 Small business – income up to \$1 million**
- \$99 Medium business – income from \$1 million + 1 dollar to \$5 million**
- \$259 Large business – income more than \$5 million**
- \$25 Associate Membership.** For interested parties outside of Tobin Hill. Nonvoting.

Membership fees: \$_____. I wish to make a donation to THCA: \$_____. Total Check Amount: \$_____

Date: ____/____/____

(Please make your check payable to THCA and mail to: PO Box15946, San Antonio, TX 78212)

**THIS INFORMATION IS FOR THE SOLE CONFIDENTIAL USE OF THE
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Name: _____

Address: _____ (ZIP): _____

Telephone: Day: (____) _____ Home: (____) _____

Mobile: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

If business or associate business member, please give designated representative's information above. Please also designate an alternative representative. Name: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Other Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

- I would like to receive updates and news through my e-mail address.
- I would like to be included in the THCA membership directory, for members only.
- I would like to volunteer. Please contact me using information above.
- Unique skill(s) I have to offer, if any: _____

Thank you for Joining the Tobin Hill Community Association!

Please go to tobinhill.org for pictures, events and important community information

WHAT IS THE TOBIN HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION?

The Tobin Hill Community Association (THCA) began with seven neighbors around a dining room table. Each of them held the belief that something great would begin in Tobin Hill if they could create a non-profit community association that, for the first time, would be able to bring resources into our community, operate transparently and be inclusive of all Tobin Hill's stakeholders. THCA received its status as a Texas Corporation in September 2008, approved bylaws and elected its first Board of Directors in January 2009, and received its federal nonprofit status in May, 2009.

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Monthly THCA Board meetings are open to THCA members. They are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at the D. R. Semmes Family YMCA at TriPoint. Of course times and dates are subject to change, so if you have something you would like to discuss with the Board, be sure to contact Marty Kushner to confirm the meeting and make your interest known in advance. Thank you.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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Texas House of Representatives - Office of State Rep. Mike Villarreal (District 123)

San Antonio Office: 1114 S. St. Mary's St., Suite 110 SATX 78210 (210) 734-8937

Code Enforcement Services: www.sanantonio.gov/ces - Call: 311

Police Department: www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/contact - Emergency: 911 - Non-emergency: 207-7273

Tobin Hill's SAFFE Officer: Robert Rodriguez - 260-7479

San Antonio Water System: www.saws.org/service- 704-7297

City Public Service: www.cpsenergy.com - 353-2222

This is YOUR newsletter and we would like to include articles and features of interest to you. So, if you have any suggestions for articles or an on-going column, please let me know. Are you aware of any upcoming event that has an impact Tobin Hill? We certainly would like to include it in our Calendar of Events. Also, where appropriate, we would consider publishing appropriate non-political thoughts from THCA members and friends. You can contact me at 223-2814 or at mfkushner@sbcglobal.net

Marty Kushner, Editor

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TOBINHILL.ORG**