



ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Tobin Hill Community Association's Annual Meeting on January 24, 2013 was a rousing success. As paid members registered they were presented with a FREE THCA Tee Shirt. Close to 50 members and guests attended the fast paced and informative meeting. In addition, we were honored to have a number of special visitors, including our Representative in the US House of Representative, Lloyd Doggett, District 1 Councilman Diego Bernal, County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, and SAAFE Office Robert. Rodriguez. Each of our "VIPs" made very positive comments about Tobin Hill and the work of THCA. We thank them all for taking time from their busy schedules to visit with us.

The business portion of the meeting included our year-end Financial Report reflecting a very strong financial position, with cash in the bank totaling \$14,576.55. Our membership Chair reported that, as of December 31, we had 124 paid members, close to a 150% increase from the end of last year. After a report from the Nominating Committee, elections to fill expiring terms (President and four Board Members) were held. Elected by the membership were Martin Kushner (President), Kathy Cron and Ryan Schmidt (Board Members, Residential), and Eddie Garza and Richard Hartman (Board Members, Business). Committee reports were presented from the Zoning Task Force, our Historic District Chair, and a member of our Education Committee.

The final topic on the agenda was an open discussion about the proposed apartment building proposed for the corner of McCullough and Courtland. Details about the discussion can be found on **PAGE THREE**.

The meeting was concluded at 7:30pm and many attended the post meeting social at the home of Ricki and Marty Kushner. Pictures of the meeting and social can be found on **PAGE TWO**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CROCKETT PARK?

Approximately 50 volunteers from Project Evergreen and BASF are scheduled to descend on Crockett Park on February 13, 2013 to work on revitalizing the park's Butterfly Garden with new plants and mulch. Project Evergreen will be funding this project and has worked with the Parks and Recreation Department on the master design. Once completed, there will be a need for periodic maintenance. If you would like to help with maintaining the new garden, in the coming months, **please call 207-8603 or e-mail Meredith.Ruiz@sanantonio.gov**.

We all know that Crockett Park is an important asset to our neighborhood. So, taking this project a step further, Parks and Recreation has asked if we would like to participate in the City's Adopt-A-Park Program by "adopting" Crockett Park. Are we interested? Want to learn more? Ms Ruiz will be attending our next public meeting (March 28th) to let us know how the program works and answer your questions. Plan to attend!



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Tobin Hill Upcoming Events

February 13, 2013

Crockett Park Revitalization
Call Meredith Ruiz (207-8603
for time and information

February 14, 2013

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

February 21, 2013

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

March 8, 2013

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

March 21, 2013

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

March 28, 2013

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

FROM THCA PRESIDENT MARTY KUSHNER



First of all, for those of you who took time from your busy schedule to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting, THANK YOU for your support of THCA. I also appreciate the vote of confidence in your willingness to re-elect me for a second term as President. It was a very busy year for THCA and I believe that we accomplished a great deal for the betterment of our neighborhood during the year. At the Annual Meeting we distributed a list of 2012 Accomplishment (See **PAGE FOUR**). My hope is that during 2013 we will make even bigger and better progress. I would like to welcome two new members (Curtis Casey and Richard Hartman) to the Board and say a BIG thank you to outgoing members Luis Elizondo and Lori Yanez for their service to Tobin Hill. I feel certain that they will continue to offer their time and knowledge to our community.

As you can see from the article about the proposed apartment complex at the corner of McCullough Avenue and Courtland Place (See **PAGE THREE**), during the past month we have made great progress with the developer and, as a result of open discussion, input from Tobin Hill neighbors, and a willingness on all parties to compromise for the betterment of Tobin Hill, it appears that we are moving to a very positive outcome. The important thing is, THCA and the developer continue to talk and cooperate. A recommendation by the City of San Antonio's Zoning Commission and a final decision on the project by City Council should occur over the next few months. As always, the THCA Board will work towards what we believe is the best interests of Tobin Hill. As always, thanks for your support.

ANNUAL MEETING AND SOCIAL

OUR GUESTS



U.S. Rep.
Lloyd Doggett



Councilman
Diego Bernal



OUR GUESTS



Commissioner
Tommy Adkisson



SAAFE Officer
Rodriguez



Just a few of our many presenters

THE POST MEETING SOCIAL



McCULLOUGH/COURTLAND UPDATE

Over the past few months there have been several meetings between members of the THCA Board, our Zoning Task Force, and the President and Project Manager of GWK Engineering and Construction (the company that is proposing to build an apartment complex on the corner of McCullough Avenue and Courtland Place. In addition to these meetings, there have been two public meetings on the project to seek input from the Tobin Hill Community. At the conclusion of these meetings the THCA Board along with members of our Zoning Task Force, met on January 29th to develop THCA's position on the proposed project. The Board determined we could support the proposed project if five concerns were satisfactorily addressed by GWK. A formal letter was developed and delivered to GWK on January 30th (the major portion of which is reproduced below in **BLACK**). President Kushner received GWK's reply on February 6, 2013. (The response to the five issues is reproduced below in **GREEN** after each concern.)

We have come a long way since our first meetings and the discussions have achieved a positive result for Tobin Hill. The proposed rezoning must still be reviewed by the City's Zoning Commission and approved by City Council. We will keep you posted on the progress of the project.

January 30, 2013

Dear Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Islas:

The Board of Directors, along with the Zoning Task Force of the Tobin Hill Community Association (THCA) met last night for just over three hours to discuss our concerns and ultimate position on the zoning request for the property located at the intersection of McCullough and Courtland. It was a productive meeting that allowed us to discuss the positive and negative aspects of the project, as we see them, for the Tobin Hill Community.

THCA fully supports responsible growth and development in our neighborhood. That has been demonstrated by our support of almost every zoning request that has come before our organization. Our overall objective has been, and continues to be, the protection of the unique nature of our neighborhood. To reach that objective, listed below are some things that we feel strongly about. If it is possible to obtain your agreement on these issues, we would be in a position to support your project.

1. **ZONING:** While we continue to be concerned about the overall density of the project, we are willing to agree to a Zoning greater than MF-33. While we would prefer a designation of MF-50, we are willing to agree to an MF-65 designation if item 2 is agreed to. Response: *See response for Item 2*
2. **SCOPE/HEIGHT OF THE PROJECT:** The design of any buildings in the project should not exceed 3 stories (including parking areas). Based on a previous e-mail from you, we would like to discuss specific height limitations. *Response: It is our commitment to THCA that the proposed building will NOT exceed 3 stories. That said the proposed development will consist of a 50 unit apartment, 1 property manager office, Gym and Gathering area. Also, it will have green areas within the development. Also, we will enhance the sidewalks along McCollough and Courtland within the boundaries of the property. Furthermore, in able to protect your concern of limiting the development to be no higher than 3 stories, we will be working on the Deed and restriction on the property on which will dictated that any building structure shall not exceed 3 stories including the parking areas. The deed and restrictions will be recorded with the city at the time of the re-plat process. During the next weeks, we will be drafting the deed and restrictions. Once we have completed the draft of the restrictions, we would like an opportunity to meet with your leadership to discuss them.*
3. **PARKING:** We have a concern about an IDZ designation for this property, but would be willing to withdraw the objection if you were willing to assure us in writing that the project would have at least ONE on-site parking space for each studio or one-bedroom apartment and two spaces for each two bedroom apartment. *Response: It is our commitment to THCA that the development will meet your recommendation. The proposed development will have a total of 60 parking spaces within the property on which 3 will be dedicated for handicap. Furthermore, it is our intention to provide 6 guest parking spaces along Courtland within the property limits.*
4. **THE PROJECT DESIGN:** It is our goal to maintain the unique look and feel of our neighborhood. In pursuit of that goal, we would like to see the ground floor of any building(s) facing McCullough to house the common areas and the project's various amenities (lobby, office, gym, etc.) and/or any possible retail or live/work space, thereby allowing some street level windows. The idea would be not to have a featureless wall facing McCullough. In addition, the north, east, and south facades shall include an appropriate number of windows and design features (such as balconies, window boxes, shutters, awnings) to soften the appearance of the buildings. In addition, to maintain the overall "washability" of our neighborhood as well as the appearance of the project, the design should include appropriate setbacks to allow for a reasonable amount of pedestrian space. *Response: It is our commitment to THCA that the proposed design of the development will be sensitive to the Tobin Hill area that will follow guidelines that will not jeopardize the unique look of the neighborhood. Regarding the building side facing to McCollough*

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corridor, we concur with your recommendations and will design the building considering the office, gym and gathering area to face McCollough corridor in able to provide a more appealing façade towards. Furthermore, we would like to have an opportunity to meet with the board to present our design changes. We would like to have this opportunity as a way to show our good faith to work as partners with the community.

5. **DESIGN REVIEW:** It is our goal to have the project fit into our neighborhood. Therefore, we would like to continue to work with you and your team during the design phase of the project. Since we do not consider ourselves to be experts on historic design, we would like to have the final project reviewed and approved by either the City of San Antonio's Historic Design and Review Board or the Office of Historic Preservation. We would also appreciate the thoughts and suggestions of the San Antonio Conservation Society. Regardless of which organization might help us, THCA would want to be included in the discussion process. *Response: The architect of record will be Francisco Gonzalez from Gonzalez, Newell & Bender firm. We chose this firm because they have a great portfolio of multifamily developments within historic areas. Mr. Gonzalez will be discussing our project with Scott Carpenter from HDRC and will provide our design progress to Mr. Carpenter for comments. Furthermore, we will continue working with the City Design Center group staff at the city of San Antonio as well. Mark Brodeur, executive manager for the City Design Center is responsible to prepare the historic design guidelines that HDRC is to follow for future projects. That said Mr. Brodeur will be a great asset to the success of this project.*

Mr. Kushner, it is our intention to continue to work with you and your leadership for a successful development and I want to reiterate that the views and recommendations of your leadership are been considered during the development process. We strongly feel that to achieve success on our development, it is important that we work as partner. That said you have our commitment to continue to work with you and your leadership for the better of the neighborhood.

Yours truly,
 Ángel Felipe González, P.E.
 President, GKW

THCA 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Paid membership increased 150%, (From approximately 50 paid members at the end of 2011 to 124 members by December 31, 2012)
- An active and involved Board of Directors comprised of a President and 10 Board Members (7 Residential and 3 Business).
- Eleven Board of Directors Meetings in 2012
- An active and involved five member Zoning Task Force that represented Tobin Hill at Zoning Commission and City Council meetings
- An active and involved Chair of Economic Development that has fostered numerous new projects for Tobin Hill
- Seven Public Meetings conducted throughout the year, each of which included a THCA business portion as well as an informational topic for discussion
- Distribution of a Monthly Newsletter including reports on Tobin Hill events, announcements and information from City officials, and columns on Tobin Hill history and gardening
- An updated Website (Tobinhill.org) with a directory of THCA Business Members that includes links to the business member's individual websites
- Designed and distributed THCA Business Member signage
- The FIRST Neighborhood Organization to become a SA2020 Opportunity Partner
- Participation in the City of San Antonio STAR Project resulting in 11 Tobin Hill homes receiving structural improvements and face lifts
- Participated in the 2012 National Night Out Event... (Third Place Award for District I)
- Engaged Alamo Architects to assist THCA develop a Crockett Park Area Master Plan
- Conducted a Graffiti Wipeout event
- Worked with members and business on Noise and Nuisance Issues
- Supported the District One School Supply Drive (monetary donations from THCA and individual members and well as the donation of school supplies and backpacks)
- Reestablished monthly Code Compliance rides to identify and resolve priority compliance issues
- Held numerous social events throughout the year (post public meeting socials, SiClovvia, Rock 'n Roll Marathon, Pride Parade)

FROM DISTRICT ONE COUNCILMAN DIEGO BERNAL

Bitters Center Open

The Bitters Bulky Waste Collection Center is officially open. Located at 1800 E. Bitters Road, the Center allows residents to dispose of bulky waste such as appliances, auto parts, and furniture for free. For access to this free service, residents are asked to bring their most recent CPS Energy utility bill.

Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 8 am to 12 pm



Student Aid Saturdays

Free, one-on-one help to complete financial aid applications will be offered every Saturday from January 26 thru April 27 at various San Antonio locations. Trained college financial aid experts will assist with FAFSA, TASFA, and scholarships in both English and Spanish. For a list of locations, see studentaidsa.org.

Parks and Recreation Summer Job Opportunities for Students

Parks and Recreation is actively seeking to fill nearly 600 seasonal summer jobs for 2013. There are many opportunity for youths including positions such as Administrative Associates, Recreation Assistants, and Public Service Attendants. To read complete job listings and applications, visit sanantonio.gov.

Ambassador Program

The City of San Antonio Ambassador Program offers college students in good academic standing the opportunity to do a full-time, paid internship during the summer. Interns are able to gain experience in the field of their interest at some of San Antonio's most reputable non-profits and private companies. The application deadline is March 15. For a copy of the application and more information, visit sanantonio.gov.

SAFETY FIRST Tips to Protect Your Home and Car

Don't Advertise You're Away

- Make sure your answering machine message says that you cannot reach the phone, not that you are away from home.
- Have your mail delivered to a temporary P.O. Box if you're going to be gone for a long period.
- Before traveling, stop newspaper/delivery services.
- If possible, keep your lights on a timer. Give the appearance that someone is home.
- Maintain your lawn and alley; it reduces the amount of cover a potential burglar may use.

Secure Your Home and Belongings

- Invest in reliable locks and security systems.
- Keep a record of your valuables and keep them hidden and secure.
- Install a 190-degree door viewer or door scope on your front door. Always look before you open the door.
- Make sure all windows and doors are covered and locked before leaving the house.
- Put bells on your gate and front door so you know when someone is entering.

Know Your Neighbors

- Have a neighbor or neighborhood watch keep an eye out and report suspicious activity.
- If you suspect someone is in your home, get out immediately and go to a neighbor's house. Call 9-1-1!
- Get to know your neighbors by organizing an annual National Night Out event for your block.

Secure your Vehicle

- Lock your car and roll up the windows.
- If you are running errands and have valuables in your car, carry them with you or hide them.
- Keep all money, electronics, including chargers, out of view, even while parked in front of your home or driveway.
- Invest in anti-theft devices for your car.

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Avoid Danger

- Park in well-lit areas and as close to the door as possible.
- Learn your neighborhood.
- If you feel you are being followed, DO NOT GO HOME. Go somewhere safe, such as a gas station or other open business, a police sub-station or fire station. Call 9-1-1 immediately!

Sources: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/CrimePreventionTips.aspx>

[http://renotahoe.about.com/od/RenoQuickTips/qt/Tips-For-Keeping Vehicles-And-Valuables-Safe-From-Theft.htm](http://renotahoe.about.com/od/RenoQuickTips/qt/Tips-For-Keeping-Vehicles-And-Valuables-Safe-From-Theft.htm)

FROM THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION'S NEWSLETTER

EDITOR'S COMMENT: The following article appeared in the February 2013 issue of the OHP's Newsletter. While I have some difficulty with publishing an article about Ricki and I, it is news and publicity about our neighborhood. So, please excuse me. Marty

Preservation Partners

Local Preservationists

Marty and Ricki Kushner

Marty and Ricki Kushner came to San Antonio from Arlington, Virginia. Marty is retired from the National Credit Union Administration, where he managed the training of credit union examiners. Ricki is retired from the Library of Congress, where she worked with archival materials. They became involved in historic preservation when they purchased a 1915 Craftsman bungalow at 405 E. Myrtle St. in what is now the Tobin Hill Historic District in 1998. The Kushners read as many books as possible on the Arts and Crafts Movement, which guided them in the restoration of their



bungalow and in their work to preserve other historic buildings in San Antonio. After three years of restoration, they moved into the home in 2001, shortly after Marty retired, and had their home designated a historic landmark.

Ever since, Marty and Ricki have been advocates of historic preservation in the Tobin Hill Historic District and in the City of San Antonio. Marty and Ricki were instrumental in the subsequent designation of the Tobin Hill Historic District, and Ricki currently serves as the chair of the Tobin Hill Community Association's Historic Preservation Committee. She also served as a liaison with the OHP when the S.T.A.R. project came to the Tobin Hill Historic District in November of 2011. Marty spearheaded a tour of Tobin Hill Historic Places and Fantastic Spaces to raise money for street signs to mark the boundaries of the Historic District and also worked with the City's Office of Historic Preservation to develop historic plaques that could be placed on properties in designated historic districts and on local landmarks. He is currently the president of the Tobin Hill Community Association. The couple has also instituted a neighborhood happy hour most Fridays, often held on their front porch. It is announced by a banner displayed at the chosen location on the day of the event. Both of the Kushners are members of the San Antonio Conservation Society, where Ricki serves on the board. She participates in the Historic Building Survey, a joint effort with the OHP targeted at surveying historic resources in San Antonio. She is also the head of a task force which is currently surveying old filling stations in the original 36 square mile city limits of San Antonio.

Marty and Ricki represent the true spirit of grassroots efforts and the passion of community members to initiate change in historic communities. We couldn't do it without the participation of residents like the Kushners!



THE GARDEN VIEW

by Melissa Miller, Garden Raconteur

Invasion of the Eye Candy

If you are reading this, there is insufficient censorship, I mean, uh, oversight on the part of your editor. I understand it is politically incorrect to criticize you, I mean us, I mean this neighborhood. But, it's for your own good. I'm here to say, "Cut that out!" Invasive plants, that is.

You see we are being invaded by eye candy. In order to get you to buy their plants, growers sell them to nurseries while they are in bloom—or force them to bloom through techniques you don't want to know about. You also want very much to have plants that are vigorous growers. And you like unusual and pretty shapes and foliage color. Like, when was the last time you went to a nursery with a shopping list? I've never seen anyone in a nursery with a shopping list. I see a lot of people going, "oo!" I like that one, with outstretched, pointy hands.

So? Well among those plants we "oo" and "aw" about are invaders. They insinuate themselves into your gardens and then, when you aren't looking, escape out into the wilderness and wreak havoc. There are several of them right here in this neighborhood. So how would you know? Of course, I'll tell you. But you might already have your suspicions. It's that vine that has crawled all along your fence and up into a tree. Or it's the tree whose seeds sprout all over the place. And it's hard to get rid of once you decide it has to go.

Of course, there is the occasional native ornamental that annoys. I'm quite proud of my sable palm, but it has stubborn babies. And the trumpet creeper, with the orange trumpet flowers hummingbirds love, will dismantle your house given enough time. But at least they support native wildlife instead of eliminating it like alien species.

So here are a few that I've seen: ligustrum (or privet), that nice glossy-leaved tree that makes such a nice hedge you have to trim a lot. See an example right beside my house. Cat claw vine with pretty yellow trumpet flowers and claw-like tendrils. It's a vicious smotherer of natives—and your house and trees—and has invade Cathedral Park located on Episcopal Diocesan land behind Central Market. Examples can be found on Paschal Street. Loquat is being fought at the Headwaters next to the University of Incarnate Word. Dozens of volunteers are trying to extirpate Nandina or heavenly bamboo from Rancho Diana natural area. Bermuda grass: ha, ha, joke; that's your lawn. No it's for real, it's invaded many natural areas, if not all; I give up on that one. Lovely Vitex has recently shown itself to be unfriendly towards natives in the Hill County. Japanese honeysuckle. Oh, man! I love the smell of its flowers, but it's one of the worst invaders worldwide. Golden bamboo: It almost took over Brackenridge Park.



Cat Claw Creeper

So, no hurry. Create a plan for replacing invasives and eliminate and replant as you can. It's not like there's a major campaign going on. But wait, maybe there is. Go to www.texasinvaders.org and check the websites of its sponsors too. The plant descriptions also suggest natives that are a good substitute in the landscape. And thanks.



Melissa Miller lives in her great-grandmother's home in Tobin Hill graced with heirloom irises, snowdrops, and fig tree and a huge, peculiar pecan tree. She has added about 100 species of native plants, vegetables, fruits, and heirlooms. A member of the Native Plant Society and co-founder of their Native Landscape Certification Program, she is also a nonprofit consultant, grant writer, and landscape designer.

DATES OF FUTURE THCA PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

A LITTLE BIT OF TOBIN HILL HISTORY VOL. 18

by Ricki Kushner

McCullough Avenue

Presbyterian missionary John McCullough (1805-1870) and Methodist missionary John W. DeVilbiss held the first Protestant church services in San Antonio in 1844 (Texas was not then part of the United States). The location was at what is now the corner of West Commerce and Soledad streets, where the river bypass flows under Commerce Street. McCullough then left the city, only to return in 1845 on assignment from the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. He found the town ‘overrun by a devilish set of men and gamblers,’ who took shots at him now and then. In 1846 he organized what later became First Presbyterian Church. Then he opened a day school for Mexican children, which eventually became the first free school system in San Antonio. But there was an attempt on his life and he left the city in 1849 and didn’t return. ⁽¹⁾ According to the Galveston News of August 27, 1852, a John McCullough is listed as one of the principals at the Galveston Male and Female Seminary. An objective of the Seminary is “to inculcate the principles of morality and piety....”⁽²⁾ in their students. So we can assume that John McCullough carried on with Christian education elsewhere in Texas after he left San Antonio.

As for McCullough Avenue, the first mention of it is in the San Antonio Daily Light on October 26, 1888, where it is referred to as McCullough Street. But the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps don’t mention McCullough Avenue until 1911. In the 1904 Sanborn Map, the road between Ogden and Paschal Streets, that we call McCullough Avenue, was listed as Falconio Avenue. So, what about McCullough Street, why wasn’t it on the Sanborn Maps? Who knows?

[1. Place names of San Antonio by David P. Green, published by the Maverick Publishing Co. in 2002 and 2011.]

[2. Galveston News, August 27, 1852.]



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.

THE OFFICIAL - UNOFFICIAL THCA BIKE GROUP



It started with a few Tobin Hill residents informally getting together for a group bike ride. Most of the time it was a spur of the moment get together. Recently several of the group thought it might be fun to open up the group to other Tobin Hill neighbors. While the “club” will not have formal meetings, there will be periodic rides to explore various locations near the Tobin Hill. All levels of biking experience are welcome to participate in this fun and healthy group.

If you are interested in the group or would like more information, call Gabriel Sanchez (389-4417) and he will fill you in.



GET A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AT NO COST IN TOBIN HILL

There are so many different services in our neighborhood that are available to Tobin Hill residents. Have you ever wondered what goes on in the George Gervin Career Prep Institute located on W. Cypress? The Institute is a Business member of THCA and we asked Dr. Delia Bara, an employee of the Gervin Academy and a Tobin Hill resident (also a THCA member), that question. She responded with a press briefing about the Institute that we thought you might find interesting.

EARN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AT NO COST TO YOU! At the George Gervin Career Prep Institute in Tobin Hill

The George Gervin Career Prep Institute Academy (GGCPI) is an extension of the George Gervin Academy (GGA), a charter school operating since 1995. GGCPI serves students that range in age from 17-25. Students enrolled at GGCPI will have the opportunity to earn their high school diploma and will work with around job schedules. GGCPI is a computer based program with instructors which allow students to work at their own pace.

The GGCPI curriculum is Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills based (TEKS) and follows recommended course sequences as outlined by the Texas Education Agency.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- 17-25 Years of age
- Minimum of 16 credits
- TAKS Retester
- Commitment to completion
- Applications are available at George Gervin Career Prep Institute located at 231 W. Cypress.
- The admission packet must include all forms on the application check list upon submission.
- Candidates will be selected based on their application packet and interview.
- Candidates will be scheduled for interviews five business days from date of submission of application packet.

Required Admission Documents

- Previous high school transcripts
- Exit TAKS test record
- State ID or Birth Certificate
- Withdrawal form from previous high school
- Social Security Card
- Immunizations
- Prof of residency

Call (210) 804-1786 ext. 2000 if you have questions or would like additional information

RENOVATION SIGNS AVAILABLE

Are you a THCA Member in the process of restoring the exterior of your home in Tobin Hill? We know that you are proud and want to shout it out to all your neighbors and those that drive by your home. THCA has just received a generous donation of NINE vinyl signs (see the photo on the right) from Mo Blakey that you can borrow during the restoration process.

To obtain a sign, there are a few rules:

- You must be a member of THCA
- The renovation must include exterior work to the building.
- The sign must be returned to THCA at the end of the project.

If you would like a sign call Marty Kushner (223-2814. Most importantly, a **BIG** thank you to Mo Blakey for making the project possible.



IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO RENEW 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
TOBIN HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO COMMUNICATE WITH ITS MEMBERS**

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.

The mission of the THCA is to facilitate implementation of the Tobin Hill Neighborhood Plan; to protect the Tobin Hill Historic District and other Tobin Hill historic buildings; and to improve quality of life through the collaboration of those who live, work, and contribute to the social fabric of Tobin Hill.

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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.

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

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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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