



MARCH PUBLIC MEETING COMING UP

The Tobin Hill Community Association's next bimonthly Public Meeting is set for Thursday, March 28th at 6 pm. One of THCA's goals is to offer public meetings that provide information and education. So, in addition to our regular THCA business, we have invited two guest speakers to make presentations.

- **Mr. Jonah Katz**, Senior Planner with the City of San Antonio's City Center Development Office. Mr. Katz is in charge of the City's new Brownfields Program. "Brownfields" are abandoned or under utilized properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. The City has started this program to help identify and address these abandoned properties so that they may be cleaned up, purchased and redeveloped to help improve San Antonio's neighborhoods. Mr. Katz's presentation will provide us with information on how we can take advantage of this new initiative.
- **Ms. Meredith Ruiz**, Program Manager with the City of San Antonio's Parks and Recreation Department. Ms Ruiz has been actively involved in the revitalization of our very own Crockett Park. She will be provide us with information about recent upgrades to the park as well as ways we can become involved in future improvements.

The March Public Meeting will be held in the Broadway Bank's Community Room, located in the lobby level of 1100 McCullough. Please plan to attend.

UPDATE ON McCULLOUGH/COURTLAND

Since our February Newsletter there has been a great deal of activity concerning the apartment complex proposed for the corner of McCullough and Courtland. THCA has been actively working with the developer and attended numerous meetings with City officials and others that are interested in the outcome of the project. Based on agreements reached with the developer, GKW Engineering, the THCA Board voted to support the developer's rezoning request for the land. (For details of the agreements, please refer to our February, 2013 Newsletter.) Here is the status of the project:

On February 27, 2013 the City of San Antonio Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the request to amend the Tobin Hill Neighborhood Plan's land use designation for the lots.

On March 5, 2013 the City of San Antonio Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning of the lots to permit the project.

On March 21, 2013 the San Antonio City Council is scheduled review the case and vote on both the amendment to our Neighborhood Plan and the zoning request.

If you are interested in having your opinion on this project heard, you can attend the City Council and sign up to speak during the hearing.



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Tobin Hill Upcoming Events

March 17, 2013

ECHALE Concert
Location: Pearl Amphitheater
Time: Starting at 5pm.

March 23, 2013

YMCA/Goodwill Clothing Drive
Location: D.R. Semmes YMCA
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

March 28, 2013

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

April 7, 2013

Siclovía
Location: Broadway
Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

April 12, 2013

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

April 18, 2013

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

FROM THCA PRESIDENT MARTY KUSHNER



First of all, welcome to a new monthly column (edited by Code Doege) pertaining to food and gardens. This new column will allow us to share our favorite recipes and tips with others. Thanks Cody.

Tobin Hill is alive with the sound of hammers, drills, and more that pertain to building, restoration, and home improvements. I live on E. Myrtle Street, so much of my Tobin Hill time is spent in the Historic District. On the 300 block of Myrtle alone there are three homes being restored. On E. Park there are at least 4 or 5 homes being worked on. Most importantly, this activity is not limited to the Historic District. Owners throughout Tobin Hill are improving and investing in their homes. But it isn't only existing residences. On Ogden there are new town homes being built, on Main there is the Tobin Hill Lofts, and new construction is planned for Kendall as well as McCullough. The commercial side is on the move, with the expansion of Metropolitan Methodist Hospital, and the arrival of the new Taqueria Chapala Jalisco (McCullough), Web House (St. Mary's), and a possible reuse of the Mac Flowers Building. You can almost feel the new excitement and spirit in Tobin Hill. Of course all of this does come at a cost. There certainly is dust, detours, and noise. But I believe it is a small price for the long term, positive impact it will have on our neighborhood.

Many people don't realize that all of this progress doesn't just happen. THCA has played an active part by promoting growth. In addition, almost all of these projects require meetings with developers and often hearing of the City's Planning Commission, Zoning Commission and City Council. In almost all cases THCA is represented and makes statements at the hearings. This requires the hard work of several dedicated volunteers on our Zoning Task Force (chaired by Ben Fairbank). This Task Force meets with developers and makes a determination on the suitability of the zoning request for our neighborhood. Due to the recent resignation of a Zoning Task Force member, we are looking for a new Task Force member. You don't have to have experience in zoning, but you do need to have a desire to make a difference in our neighborhood. The job requires common sense, and an interest in helping our neighborhood grow. Want to learn more? Give me a call at 223-2814.

BOARD VACANCY

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS to THCA Board member Ryan Schmitt. He recently purchased a house. Unfortunately for us, it is not located in Tobin Hill. The THCA Bylaws require Board members to either live or work in Tobin Hill, so Ryan has submitted his resignation. Ryan's term of office expires at the end of 2013, so our Bylaws permit the THCA Board to appoint a replacement for the remainder of his term.

Are you interested in becoming a Board member. If so, you must be a resident of Tobin Hill and have been a member of THCA for at least six months. Please contact President Marty Kushner (223-2814) for additional information.

CROCKETT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

On February 13, 2013 a group of approximately 50 volunteers from Project Evergreen and BASF descended on Crockett Park to work on the revitalization of the Park's Butterfly Garden. The project included the planting of new plants and mulching the entire garden. Project Evergreen funded the project and the City of San Antonio's Parks and Recreation Department worked on the master design for the revitalization. The Butterfly Garden is located near the playground. So, when you get a chance, stop by the Garden and enjoy the fruits of the volunteer's efforts.



FROM DISTRICT ONE COUNCILMAN DIEGO BERNAL

Code Enforcement Changes

The Code Enforcement Division is part of the City's Development Services Department, which is increasing its efficiency to provide faster response times, accountable reporting, greater neighborhood communication, and more proactive practices. An ordinance amending Chapter 20 of City Code was passed in October 2012 that made changes to penalties and hearing procedures. As a result, Code violations will be more actively monitored and penalized. However, a fund will also be created to aid residents and property owners who require assistance to comply with the law. Please spread the word to your neighbors, as enforcement of these new changes has already begun. For more information, call Code Enforcement at 207-7881.

- Residents who place their brush and bulky items before notice is made of a brush or bulky pick up will be ticketed and subject to a fine of \$20 to \$1000.
- Resident who place brush and bulky items after the designated collection period by Solid Waste Management will be fined \$20 to \$1,000.
- Remember that mixed brush and bulky items for Sold Waste Management's collection will also be penalized with a fine.
- Alley dumping is still an offense that qualifies as a Class C misdemeanor with ranging fines from \$200 to \$2,000.
- Dumpster overflows and lack of sanitation will not be tolerated in both commercial and residential cases. A ticket will immediately be issued without warning.
- In the case of junked vehicles, owners must demonstrate that their vehicle is operable within 10 days of receiving notice. At the end of this period, all property and registered owners, and lien holders on record will receive notice. At the end of this period, all property and registered owners, and lien holders on record will be given notice via certified mail. If after this time the vehicle is not operable, the towing process will begin.
- For junked vehicles, only property owners will have the right to file for a Motor Vehicle Hearing where a Hearing Officer can make a determination on the vehicle.
- Code Compliance does not enforce on-street parking. The department will only address parking cases where a vehicle is parked on a front yard.
- Downtown Operations will assist with some city-wide parking enforcement responsibilities from the Office of the City Marshall.

City Hiring for Pre-K 4 SA

The City of San Antonio is now seeking to fill more than 100 positions, including master teachers, teacher assistant, and other administrative staff. Applicants may apply online at sanantonio.gov and attend one of the following job fairs:

March 6, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Enrique Barrera Community Center, 5800 Old Highway 90 West.

March 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m., North East Service Center, 10303 Toll Yard.

March 28, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Mission Library, 3134 Roosevelt Ave.

San Antonio's Drought Ordinance

- On February 7, City Council approved changes to the City's drought ordinances that were designed to increase water conservation and decrease inconveniences to residents and businesses. Everyone can do their part in conserving water effectively and limiting water waste. You can report water waste by calling SAWS at **704-7297** or sending your concern online at saws.org. Below is a summary of the adopted ordinance.
- Sprinkler watering hours are from 7-11 am and 7-11 pm on your designated watering day during drought stages 2 through 4.
- The hours for Year-Round and Stage 1 remain the same.
- Drought stages will be triggered based on a 10-day rolling average. A drought stage will be reconsidered 15-days after the Edwards Aquifer is above the trigger.
- You can wash your car at home during drought stages on Saturday and Sunday as long as there is no water waste or run off.
- Residential fountains can operate at any stage of drought.
- Small commercial fountains are permitted with a basic variance during drought stages.
- Large commercial fountains can operate during limited hours if conservation measures have been adopted.
- Hand watering is still allowed any day and time during all drought stages.

A LITTLE BIT OF TOBIN HILL HISTORY VOL. 19

by Ricki Kushner

French Place, Russell Place, and Craig Place

Craig Place and Russell Place were named for an out-of state preacher and two of his church members: Craig Place for the Rev. William Bayard Craig, of the Christian Church in Denver; and Russell Place for Frank and Logan Russell, two members of Rev. Craig's congregation. Together they developed Laurel Heights, which lies mostly in the Monte Vista Neighborhood; but which makes up the very northeastern tip of Tobin Hill.

The Rev. Craig and friends began their development in 1890, but it was west of McCullough Ave. Craig Place and Russell Place ended at McCullough. In 1909, the corresponding streets to the east of McCullough were known as Hertzberg (Craig) and Providence (Russell). But eventually Laurel Heights expanded east into what is now Tobin Hill and the streets expanded, too.

James Henry French was a reform mayor of San Antonio from 1875 to 1885. You'd think that French Place was named for him. Not so. French Place was named for a Mr. French of Pittsburgh, who developed several blocks south of Laurel Heights, called Laurel Heights Terrace. Later the French Place of Laurel Heights expanded toward the east into Laurel Heights Terrace and took over Yndo Street.

I suspect that all this expansion was fueled by the announcement, in April 1907 that the Tobin Hill streetcar line, which was extended from a terminus of McCullough Ave. and Locust Place would run down Locust, to eventually terminate at King's Court. This added another mile of streetcar service, all in the northeast section of Tobin Hill. Prices for lots started at \$800. And it was a good, flood-free location near the San Antonio River, but not too near. So Hertzberg, Providence, and Yndo Streets got new names.

[Information for this article came from Place names of San Antonio, by David P. Green, and from the San Antonio Gazette of April 4, 1907 and May 4, 1907.]



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 URBAN GARDEN TO TABLE TALK

by Cody Doege

"*The Urban Garden to Table Talk*" will be a recipe and tip related to the Seasons of the year. What's growing and what's on the Horizon. Each Newsletter will include one Recipe and One Tip. This is a column that will continue to expand over the next several months with Cooking and Gardening tips.

Nine Day Slaw

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| o 1 Medium Cabbage, Shredded | o 1 cup Salad Oil |
| o 2 Stalks Celery, Diced | o 1 cup Cider Vinegar |
| o 2 medium Onions, Diced | o 2 Tbsp. Salt |
| o 1 Green Pepper, Diced | o 2 Tbsp. Sugar |
| o 1 cup Sugar | o Pimentos |

Combine Cabbage, onion and Green Pepper. Add 1 cup Sugar and blend well. Combine remaining ingredients and bring to a boil stirring constantly. Pour dressing over cabbage mixture immediately and allow it to cool. Cover and store in the Refrigerator for at least one day before serving. Serves 8 to 10 stays fresh and crisp for nine days.

Tip of the Month

Tis the season to Mulch. It is so so important that you provide all your plants, shrubs and trees with Mulch. Mulch provides a blanket that helps keep moisture in the soil and prevent roots from getting too hot or cold and reduce weed problems. Apply a 1 to 2 inch layer but be sure to keep it away from trunks and stems. This will avoid creating a moist environment that may be conducive to pest or disease problems.

SICLOVIA RETURNS - AN EASY BIKE/WALK FROM TOBIN HILL



Síclovia

 SAN ANTONIO'S FAMILY ADVENTURE
 PRESENTING SPONSOR

APRIL 7, 2013
 10am - 3pm

What is Síclovia?

Síclovia is a free event that turns major city streets in to a safe place for people to exercise and play. The streets become temporarily car-free for about 6 hours on Sundays for families to run, ride bikes, take exercise classes and enjoy their city streets. **Síclovia takes place on BROADWAY.**

The modern day Ciclovía originated in Bogotá, Colombia 30 years ago. Bogotá began their program with 8 miles of open streets. Ciclovía was so popular, today, they open over 70 miles of car-free streets to their citizens and connect city parks to provide green spaces for Reclovías.

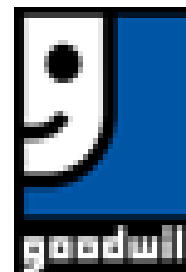
Want to Join THCA Members Riding/Walking?

Join in on the fun!!! Call Gabriel Sanchez at 389-4417 for our official starting place and meeting time.

DONATE CLOTHING AND MORE AT THE YMCA



Donate before March 23rd to be entered into a weekly drawing for a \$25 gift card to Hearthstone.



The D.R. Semmes YMCA at TriPoint is partnering with Goodwill Industries of San Antonio to raise funds as well as support Goodwill's mission to change lives through the power of work. The Y is asking you to donate gently used clothing, accessories, electronics, and household items. You can drop off your items at the YMCA on or before March 23rd between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm.

HISTORIC RESTORATION SIGNS AVAILABLE

Are you a THCA Member in the process of restoring the exterior of your home in Tobin Hill? THCA has received a donation of NINE vinyl signs 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.



ECHALE - SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH AT PEARL!



Echale, 2013

Bring Your Dancing Shoes and the Whole Family This Sunday to the First Échale of 2013

Échale! Latino Music Estyles kicks off this Sunday, March 17, with Ozomatli and Sergio Mendoza y La Orkesta. Named after the Aztec god of dance, fire, and music, Ozomatli is an American seven-member band whose music can be described as a collision of hip hop and salsa, dancehall and cumbia, samba and funk, merengue and comparsa, East L.A. R&B and New Orleans second line, Jamaican reggae and Indian raga. Sergio Mendoza y La Orkesta offer an indie-mambo sound influenced by 1940s and 1950s jazz and the fevered complexities of mambo, infused with modern rock.

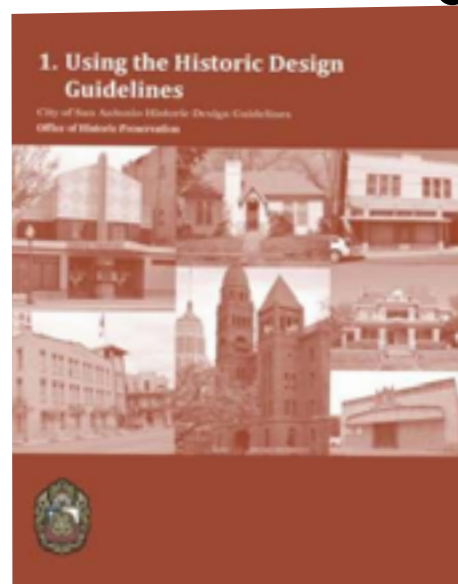
Don't let the construction deter you: the show will go on, but please arrive early and find a seat. Pearl is going all out for the Échale series with Mexican beer bars, wine, Red Bull, and other surprises. We ask that guests not bring their own alcohol; there will be two ATMs on-site, so cash will be readily available. Show up Sunday ready to dance—sitting is not an option!

FROM THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Historic Design Guidelines Available

The Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) is making copies of the City of San Antonio's Historic Design Guidelines available to the public. They can be downloaded for free from OHP's website (<http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/HistoricDistrictGuidelines.aspx>) or can be purchased in hardcopy format for \$20 for OHP at 1901 S. Alamo Street.

The information contained in the Guidelines can serve as a useful tool for historic property owners, contractors, and design professionals.



DATES OF FUTURE THCA PUBLIC MEETINGS

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| 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

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.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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E-Mail: district1@sanantonio.gov

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**