



MAY PUBLIC MEETING COMING UP

Our next Tobin Hill Community Association Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2013 starting at 6:00 pm. In addition to our normal business and committee reports, the meeting will feature two major topics. The first will be a discussion about the San Antonio Police Department's Good Neighbor/ Neighborhood Watch Program. SAFFE Office, Robert Rodriguez, will provide information about crime in Tobin Hill, and discuss how the Program works and how individual streets in Tobin Hill can participate. The second topic will be an open discussion about programs and projects that you think THCA should be working on. The meeting will take place at:

Broadway Bank - 1100 McCullough/Lobby Level

If you have any questions about the meeting, feel free to contact THCA Vice-President Braxton Clark at: abrax10@sbcglobal.net.

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COURTLAND QUALIFIES FOR GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

For a number of years the City of San Antonio Police Department has sponsored a voluntary Good Neighbor Program. The concept is that neighbors can provide the best deterrent to crime by networking and keeping, their eyes and ears open for unusual activity, and generally looking out for each other,

In the past, Tobin Hill was an active participant in this Program, but over the years participation declined. In stepped a few individuals on Courtland Place who were determined to reactivate it on their street. They contacted our SAFFE Officer, Robert Rodriguez, and started the process. Three block captains were designated (Carolyn Kelley, Nora Garza Peche, and Carolina Gonsalez Schlenker), and received training, and in March the designation was awarded. The THCA Board has authorized funds to purchase the Good Neighbor street signs from the City of San Antonio.

We hope that other streets in Tobin Hill will consider participation in this important Program and THCA stands ready to assist interested individuals with information and support.

Congratulations to Courtland Place, and be on the lookout for those signs on Courtland between McCullough and St. Mary.



THCA supports and is proud to be a SA2020 Opportunity Partner

Tobin Hill Upcoming Events

May 18, 2013

Pearl Farmer's Market
4th Anniversary Celebration
Contact: Pearl for info
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 23, 2013

THCA Public Meeting
Location: Broadway Bank
1100 McCullough-Lobby Level
Contact: Braxton Clark for info
Time: 6 p.m.

June 14, 2013

Tobin Hill Arts Alliance
Second Friday Art Walk
4th Anniversary Celebration
Location: 527 E. Dewey and more
Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

June 20, 2013

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

**DON'T MISS THE CELEBRATION
TOBIN HILL 2ND FRIDAY ART WALK'S 4TH ANNIVERSARY
(See Page Three for Details)**

FROM THCA PRESIDENT MARTY KUSHNER



First of all, welcome to our newest THCA Newsletter column, *Who Is Tobin Hill?* This column is the “brain child” of Alma Delia Rocha. Several weeks ago Alma sent me an e-mail with a suggestion. She thought it would be a good idea to have something in each edition of our Newsletter that gave us information about one of our THCA members. I told her that it was a great idea, and if someone would volunteer to handle the coordination of the task, we could begin immediately. Well, much to my joy, Alma “wondered” if my comment was a “gentle” hint, and if so she would take on the job. So, go to PAGE FOUR, and you can enjoy the result of her first column. Alma, thank you so much for taking this on. Importantly, if Alma knocks on your door, or calls you, please say YES when she asks you to participate.

It is all about energy and drive.... that is how an organization grows and prospers, and the Tobin Hill Community Association is certainly no exception to this rule. Unfortunately, the fact is that this growth can come in fits and starts. Certainly 2012 was a year of amazing growth in THCA membership and the accomplishment of a number of wonderful projects for our neighborhood. While 2013 has gotten off to a good start, I think we can do better with increasing our membership and taking on new projects. We have some exciting plans to do just that, and I hope that each one of you reading this newsletter will help us make these plans become a reality. Please read on, get excited about our neighborhood and YOUR Community Association, and help us to continue to grow and accomplish our goal of actively supporting Tobin Hill.

Membership Growth: We are beginning an exciting membership drive. Thanks to the generosity of those members who will be helping with the donation of gifts.

New Projects: We want to meet the needs of our members and supporters. It is important the THCA Board understands what YOU think THCA should be doing as we move forward. So, a major portion of our May Public Meeting will be devoted to brainstorming ideas for attainable projects that will make meaningful contributions and take into account the capabilities of our volunteers.

So, by all means, plan to attend our May 23rd meeting. But, before the meeting, take a few minutes to think about a project or two that you think THCA should consider taking on. It would be wonderful if the projects were something that YOU would be willing to participate in. (Get the hint? Get involved!)

THCA MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Get out and meet your neighbors!!! We would like to invite you to be part of this year’s THCA membership drive. This is a great way to get to know your immediate neighbors and others in the community. For every new or renewing applicant, your name will be entered in to a drawing as well as the applicant. So, the more people that sign up under your name, the more chances to win great prizes. There will also be a grand prize for whomever signs up the most neighbors (must be more than 10 to be eligible).

To be sure that you receive credit for each member, be sure that the neighbor puts “referred by (insert name here)”, at the top of the THCA Membership Application (see PAGE NINE of this Newsletter for a copy of the Application). THERE ARE GOING TO BE GREAT PRIZES!!!!!! and they will all be linked Tobin Hill in some form or fashion. The drawing will be held at the July 25th Public meeting, and you will have to be present at the meeting to win (or have made arrangements with THCA Board member/membership chair Gabriel Sanchez prior to the meeting if you are not able to attend).

We are looking forward to everyone’s participation. If you have any questions please contact Gabriel Sanchez (gabesanchez81@hotmail.com). GOOD LUCK!

PEARL FARMERS MARKET TURNS FOUR

From the folks a PEARL: For four years Pearl Farmers Market has connected the community with the people that grow our food, raised awareness of seasonal eating and the struggles of farming, and brought people together with local food. We are thankful to the farmers who plant, grow, raise, and harvest our food, not to mention the thousands of shoppers who attend the market on Saturdays.

Join us and our market vendors on Saturday, May 18, from 9 am to 1 pm (rain or shine) as we celebrate four years of fresh, local food from local farms!

Enjoy live music, free sweets and tastings, and a chance to win brand-new, one-of-a-kind Pearl Farmers Market merchandise not available anywhere else (while supplies last). Check out the sneak peek!

TOBIN HILL SECOND FRIDAY ART WALK CELEBRATES FOUR YEARS OF AMAZING ART! JOIN THE FUN ON JUNE 14, 2013

The Tobin Hill Arts Alliance (THAA) will celebrate its 4th Anniversary on June 14, 2013 during the regularly scheduled “2nd Friday Art Walk” from 6pm to 9pm. At 6pm, the 500 block of E Dewey will be closed to celebrate this wonderful achievement. City Parks and Recreation will provide a stage, sound and lighting to highlight the diverse San Antonio entertainment that is being planned. Scheduled for the evening are the SAC Onstage Drama Club as human statues and mimes adorn the area, The Uptown Studio will provide a Spoken Word Performance and Alison Vasquez, Adjunct Instructor, will present “La Flor de la Canela”-a bilingual one-woman performance. The SAC Jazz Ensemble will provide music, and the San Antonio Street Dancers & Drummers (back by popular demand) will perform their rhythmical dance routines. Also scheduled will be Annette Flores’ Modern Dance Presentation and live painting demonstrations by Tobin Hill artists.



The Tobin Hill Arts Alliance was founded by Luis Lopez in June 2009 when he met with five respected San Antonio contemporary artists at La Casa Rosa Art Studio with the vision of creating a community art show each month in the local galleries and venues in Tobin Hill. With small donations from the individual artists, gallery and venue owners, THAA launched its first “Second Friday Art Walk”. The event attracted hundreds of art lovers and patrons to Tobin Hill to view fine art and sculptures. So come join the celebration on June 14th.



FROM REPRESENTATIVE MIKE VILLARREAL

PROPERTY Appraisals: How to Ensure that Your Home is Fairly Appraised

Last month, many homeowners received an appraisal notice of their property for tax purposes. While most homeowners are willing to pay their fair share in order to maintain our local schools, roads, and infrastructure, folks want to ensure that the appraisal district has assessed their property value fairly. The appraisal district sent notices to new property owners and those whose appraisal increased by \$1000 or more. If you feel the appraisal is inaccurate, there is an appeals process to make sure that your property has been fairly evaluated. In order to start the process, simply follow the directions included with your appraisal. It is important to note that you must submit your dispute by May 31st. You can find more information about the appeals process at the Bexar County Appraisal District website www.bcad.org.

There are two ways in which you can evaluate whether your property has been fairly assessed: 1) whether the market value of your property is accurate and 2) whether your property was equally or uniformly taxed in comparison to other similar properties. First, you should verify that the information the Appraisal District has for your property is correct. Take note of things like size, year built, and the presence of a swimming pool or a garage. It is also important to make sure that any aerial pictures used by the appraisal district are accurate. Taking your own pictures will also be helpful during the protest process.

Next, you can research the market value of your property. Though Texas law does not require the disclosure of the sale prices of properties, websites such as www.realtor.com and www.zillow.com provide home listings in your area. A local realtor may also be able to help advise you.

Finally, you should determine whether the appraisal of your property meets the “Equal and Uniform” standard. You can find other houses in your neighborhood at the Appraisal District’s website located at www.bcad.org. When conducting your search, make sure to look at houses with similar property age and size, and similar features. Making a note of the median level of appraised value per square foot will make your meeting with the appraiser more productive.

I hope that you find this information useful. If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please don’t hesitate to contact me at michael.villarreal@house.state.tx.us or call (210) 734-8937.

WHO IS TOBIN HILL?

by Alma Delia Rocha

Introduction: A new column in our THCA focuses on the faces of Tobin Hill; old neighbor and new neighbor alike. To take the plunge, I wanted to tell you a bit about me so you know who the person is when I knock on your door to ask you a few questions. I am looking forward to get to know some new faces and possibly make some new neighbor friends in the process.

Residents: Mario Laque, Alma Delia Rocha, Droopy, and Mellie

Address: 335 E Park Ave

Date moved to Tobin Hill: May 1st, 2012

About YOU: I work for a Technology Consulting group in the human resources department and am from Uvalde, Tx. Mario is a CPA at a local downtown firm. We have two rescue dogs; Droopy, a basset hound who had a rough start in life and is very timid around new people, and Mellie, a bulldog who has never seen a leg that didn't need a lick.



Why Tobin Hill?: I had always loved this part of town while I was in college. Mario and I lived in southeast San Antonio close to shopping centers in a small neighborhood. I was increasingly unhappy, and finally figured out why I am happy living an urban lifestyle, where there is always something to do and see within walking distance, or the country where you have a lot of space and a strong sense of community. The suburb life was not agreeing with me. I left it up to Mario and he chose downtown living. We chose Tobin Hill because of the active community, the location, and the architectural style of the neighborhood.



What hobbies do you enjoy?: I LOVE to garden; both edibles and ornamentals. This is the first year we have been able to do any gardening here. I am growing all types of vegetables including tomatoes, green beans, eggplant, squash, okra, tomatillos, peppers, swiss chard, beets, radishes, sweet potatoes and herbs. We just finished landscaping the front since we had to fix the grading of the land to improve our drainage. Mario enjoys learning more and more about power tools and making small repairs to our money pit. He also enjoys grilling, and seeing what new crazy scheme I will drag him into next.

One fact we may find surprising?: Mario and I ran a half marathon 2 years ago. That was one of my crazy ideas I dragged him into.

FINAL UPDATE ON McCULLOUGH/COURTLAND

The April 4, 2013 San Antonio City Council meeting agenda included two items pertaining to the proposed apartment complex project to be located on the corner of McCullough and Courtland. The first item pertained to the Tobin Hill Neighborhood Plan to change the land use from low density mixed use to high density mixed use. The second item was changing the zoning designation for the land from MF-33 (up to 33 units per acre) to MF-65 with an IDZ overlay (up to 65 units per acre).

After many months of negotiation, and receiving certain assurances from the proposed developer, the THCA Board voted to support the requested changes and presented both a written and oral statement at the Council meeting expressing this support. During the discussion of the requests Councilman Diego Bernal indicated that he would be willing to support the change to our Neighborhood Plan, but prior to supporting the zoning request, he wanted to see written, legally binding covenants on the land that included the agreed upon height limitations on the building, the minimum number of on-site parking spaces, and agreements on design concepts. At the end of the discussion the City Council approved the requested change to the Tobin Hill Neighborhood Plan, but voted to continue the Zoning request to May 2, 2013, giving the developer time to work with THCA and comply with the request pertaining to the covenants.

At 10 am on May 2, 2013 THCA received a copy of an e-mail from the proposed developer that indicated that their investors no longer felt the project was economically viable and requested that the zoning change be withdrawn. Therefore, the case was pulled from the Council agenda. That being the case, the current zoning of MF-33 remains in place.

What happens next? The lot is still up for sale and we have great hopes that in the near future, someone will see the opportunity this wonderful location offers for future development.

MEET OUR NEWEST THCA BOARD MEMBER

At its April meeting, the Tobin Hill Community Association Board of Directors appointed Mr. Charles Sumerset to fill the unexpired term of Board member Ryan Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt had resigned his position in March when he purchased a home outside of the Tobin Hill neighborhood.

Charles Sumerset (57): Charles is an Inventory Management Specialist at the South Texas Veteran Hospital, San Antonio, TX. A Persian Gulf War Veteran he served 20 years in the United States Navy as an Aviation Ordnance Chief Petty Officer, before joining the VA Hospital. Born in Blakely, Georgia. Married to Deirdre (Walker) Sumerset of Milford, Connecticut for 21 years. A father of three with 3.75 grandchildren. A lifetime member of the Buffalo Soldiers Society of New Mexico. His interest includes woodworking, gardening, computers, and stamp collecting. Also can be seen with a big smile riding his motorcycle around Tobin Hill. Charles is a graduate of The New Mexico Community College of Albuquerque, NM. Charles and his wife Dee have lived in the Tobin Hill for 4.5 years.



A LITTLE BIT OF TOBIN HILL HISTORY VOL. 21

by Ricki Kushner

Who built Terry Court and why does it have that strange name?

Researching history doesn't often provide a face to go with a name; but, in the case of one of the early developers of our neighborhood, there is a photograph. Mrs. B.T. Hankins (Bessie Terry Hankins) was one of the architects and developers who saw the value in the Tobin Hill location. In 1927 she platted Terry Court (notice the name **Terry** Court) as the Mrs. B.T. Hankins Subdivision and then, over the next several years, she built several of the homes there.

She actually came to San Antonio in 1916 and began building homes here in 1918 in Highland Park. Later she worked in Beacon Hill before concentrating on the Monte Vista/Tobin Hill area. She built homes in Laurel Heights, Laurel Heights Addition, and Laurel Heights Terrace. The latter, Laurel Heights Terrace, seems to be partly in Monte Vista and partly in Tobin Hill. The last house she built was in 1934, on Terry Court.

This photograph was in the San Antonio Light of January 22, 1925. In the accompanying article, Mrs. Hankins explained that she started her business career as a bookkeeper, and moved to San Antonio with the idea to do something worthwhile. She worked and studied and began to build houses and manage her own business. She said "I would advise any woman trying to make a success in business to specialize...." She also said "I have worked hard day and night since I was a child, and I believe that whatever I have accomplished has been through hard effort, first, and through determination, second." Her work is evidence of her philosophy: there are at least 25 real estate projects in San Antonio associated with her name. Hats off to Bessie.



[Photograph and information for this article came from the San Antonio Light, January 22, 1925, pp.1-2 and from historical research done by Lisa Davis for the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation.]



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.

DATES OF FUTURE THCA PUBLIC MEETINGS

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



THE GARDEN VIEW

by Melissa Miller, Garden Raconteur

Spring Gifts

The chimney swifts are back in my chimney to raise another clutch. I can hear them twittering together at night as they settle down to sleep and in the morning as they prepare for flight. In a few weeks, I will hear the chicks demanding food from their parents; they sound like mechanical windup toys grating in the air. I can watch the swifts in the evening as they return to the neighborhood and flit around chirping and catching insects above me. I am doing my part to prevent their extinction. Just at dusk, the bats take their places searching the air for prey.

Meanwhile, I've been watching the velvet-leaf gaura, which volunteered in my yard three years ago. Each year they come back here and there in the garden: not too many, because the birds feed on their green and maturing seed for several months, clear into the fall. Then I spread what I can retrieve where I think they would look nice. They were filled with aphids as they unfurled their long stalks of tiny hot pink flowers. This was good. As I monitored the progress, it took a couple of weeks before the ladybugs could be seen feasting on the aphids and laying their eggs to make more garden defenders. Now they are patrolling my vegetables, which are coming to maturity and looking healthy. But that's not all. There is the long-legged fly, a small iridescent bug that is also a pest eater. Doubtless there are others I don't know about. (BTW, there's an amazing close-up video of this tiny bug in the Wikipedia entry for it.)



The baby blue eyes bloomed in abundance. They reseed so readily they would be a problem if they didn't totally die away at the end of their season, being annuals. But it's so hard to harvest the seed, that I just grab a bunch of the dried plants and put them in bags to give to friends. They also need to be reestablished in natural areas, as the effects of human overpopulation have extirpated them from most areas. It's amazing how such a vigorous seeder can be lost—like the passenger pigeon that darkened the sky when they flew overhead, now extinct.

After three years of maturing, the purple coneflower in the front has turned into a lush display of flowers standing three feet tall. The pink turks cap (a nursery hybrid between two natives) has established its dominance in front of the porch, covering my plans for a row of smaller flowers in front of it. It bloomed for most of the year, since there was no freeze to take it down to the ground. I will have to keep it in bounds by pulling out any spreading shoots ever couple of years. The hummingbirds love it.

As you drive the freeway you will see yellow flowers about two or three feet tall. They are cut-leaf daisy. I planted a couple in my front yard and they are profuse bloomers and should last most of the year. As well, the mealy blue sage is sending up blue spires into the air. Everywhere I can, I let the native ruellia, some call petunia, grow where it has spit its seeds with the rain. They will start to bloom violet in the summer and continue until they die back in winter.

With a patio now sheathed in screen, I can contemplate the birds, bugs, and blooms in the morning or evening to my content, without entertaining curious bugs or bloodsuckers. I haven't figured out the ecosystem control mechanism for mosquitoes. (And never will.)

Meanwhile, my old cats lie inert under the bushes and my young foundling is dive-bombed by nesting birds. When it's the grackle's and starling's turn (just the last few days) I listen and hope she will help these non-natives with population control and eschew the taste of newborn locals. I hope that the wren that has nested this year among the false dayflowers has been able to fledge her chicks successfully, despite the orphan's presence and that of several other hunter types within the space of three lots. Now a common yellowthroat has shown up, first I've seen in years. How nice. Soon we'll see what summer brings.



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.

THE URBAN GARDEN TO TABLE TALK

by Cody Doege

Gardening Tip for the Month:

The big challenge in landscape is how will I keep the lawn green. Many communities have declared drought restrictions. Comply with the restrictions to help keep from falling deeper into restrictions and plan your watering to be efficient and effective.

- Water in the morning or evening even if you do not have specified times to water. Avoid irrigating when the wind is blowing and the temperatures are high.
- Add enough water per application to fill the whole soil reservoir. Sandy soils, however, do best with frequent shallow watering.
- Keep the irrigation system in good shape. Repair leaks as they are discovered and do a regular inspection.
- Hand-water special spots where the irrigation system does not cover well.

If your lawn is Bermuda, buffalo grass or zoysia, you can make the decision to let it go dormant. Those grasses have the ability to recover quickly when the rains resume.

Drip irrigation is the most efficient way to water your vegetables and flowers. There are kits available at retail nurseries and the big box stores so you can do it yourself. An option that is nearly as efficient and very easy to use is to string leaky hoses along the rows or from plant to plant. The water “sweats” out of the hose along its length to provide water at the soil surface. The key is to turn the hose on at low pressure. If flow is high, the water spurts out and you lose the efficiency.

Skillet Cabbage

- ½ Head of Cabbage
- ½ Green Bell Pepper
- 1 Tbsp Bacon Grease
- 1 Tbsp Vinegar
- ½ Onion Slices
- ½ Rib of Celery
- 1 Tbsp Sugar
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Melt Oil in heavy Frying Pan over medium heat. Add Vegetables. Sprinkle with Salt and pepper. Add sugar and Vinegar. Cover and steam for 5-10 min. Stir occasionally.

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.



FROM CITY OF SA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Shanon Shea Miller, AICP



May is Historic Preservation Month! So join the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation as we once again participate in Preservation Month. Across the United States communities will celebrate historic preservation through outreach and educational programs. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has chosen the theme "See! Save! Celebrate!" for 2013.

There are so many places to see and celebrate in San Antonio. What places do you want to honor? From historic neighborhoods that create an inviting place to call home to downtown San Antonio's historic Houston Street, Main and Military Plazas, and the scenic River Walk, San Antonio is full of wonderful, intriguing places. Preservation Month gives us the opportunity to celebrate San Antonio's history and recognize the historic places that make our city special.

Travis Park Workshop

The City of San Antonio's Center City Development Office has engaged Project for Public Spaces, Inc. (PPS) to assist the City of San Antonio, the community, and area stakeholders to create a vision and concept plan for Travis Park. Initial meetings were held in March of 2013. PPS is returning on May 23 from 6:00-7:00pm to present the draft concept plan at the St. Anthony Hotel located at 300 East Travis Street. PPS will be utilizing an "open house" format. The public will be able to go to a station presenting the draft concept and see a short presentation on a loop. The public is welcome anytime between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm to take a look at the draft, ask questions, and provide feedback. For additional information, please contact Colleen Swain at 210.207.4089 or e-mail at colleen.swain@sanantonio.gov

Center City Open House

For one night only, a vacant space will go from empty to vibrant through an incredible evening full of art, dance, music, and fashion. The Center City Development Office, the Office of Historic Preservation, and the Department for Culture and Creative Development are partnering to host the first Center City Open House event, which will take place on May 28 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at 201 W. Commerce. This unique networking opportunity will showcase an underutilized space and encourage investment in San Antonio's vacant historic buildings. Artist Rex Hausmann and friends will add new life to the windows with a dynamic art display spanning the entire facade of the building. Ballet San Antonio will light up the evening with dance performances showcasing "Da Luz" a neo-classical piece representing famous statues coming to life. San Antonio fashion designer, Agosto Cuellar, coined "Wild Card Cuellar" by Project Runway's Tim Gunn, will glam the evening up with his signature spin on fashion. The event will also give guests an exclusive opportunity to enjoy complimentary drinks from Freetail Brewery and international hors d'oeuvres by Ming's Thing. This event is free and open to the public. Guests can take advantage of the City's Downtown Tuesday free - parking initiative. Complimentary parking at 506 Dolorosa Street parking lot after 5:00pm. For more information, please contact Colleen Swain at colleen.swain@sanantonio.gov or 210.207.4089.

"This Place Matters" Photo Contest

We invite you to participate in the This Place Matters photo contest during the month of May. This nationwide contest, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, encourages everyone to identify the historic places that matter to them. We invite you to participate in the local contest. Take a photo in front of your favorite historic site with the This Place Matters sign (available on the Office of Historic Preservation website) and send it to the Office of Historic Preservation at OHP@sanantonio.gov. Let us know the historic places in San Antonio that matter to 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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