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MONTE VISTA

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Easter in Monte Vista

MVHA ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Don't let your little ones miss out on Monte Vista's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Bring your baskets and join the fun!

Landa Gardens
Saturday, April 4
10 to 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed starting at 8 a.m. to set up and hide 2500 eggs.

Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Summer Greathouse or Sandra Grove by emailing info@montevista-sa.org to volunteer or donate.



MONTE VISTA 2015 FIESTA MEDAL

The 2015 Fiesta medal for MVHA will feature the beautiful home of Jill Torbert and Vincent Johnson. Jill is a former MVHA President, and Vincent is a former MVHA Board Member. Their house was on the Home Tour in 2001, and most recently was the site of the Home Tour preview party in 2013. Jill and Vincent's house was selected for this year's medal by a random drawing among former MVHA presidents.

We greatly appreciate the support of Jefferson Bank in underwriting MVHA's Fiesta medal this year and for many years past. Thanks also for generous support from Monte Vista Montessori.



FIESTA THIRD THURSDAY AT ON MAIN-OFF MAIN

Bill Davis and Oscar Camacho will once again host our April Third Thursday with a Fiesta Bash at On Main/Off Main, 120 W. Mistletoe, April 16, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Come in your fiesta finery, bring a dish to share and a bottle of wine. If you haven't already got a Monte Vista Fiesta medal, buy one there! Don't miss this one!



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We All Love MV!

The I Love Monte Vista party and membership celebration, held February 15 at the lovely home of Lieth and Dick Negley, was a huge success. The Negleys were very generous and accommodating hosts, going above and beyond expectations by having beautiful decorations, a beautiful table for desserts and food, a pianist to entertained during the party, and a special I Love Monte Vista cookie for each guest. The weather also cooperated, and many enjoyed the Negley's beautiful porches and gardens. Neighbors greeted old friends and met new ones. The MVHA membership rolls swelled. And a good time was had by all!

Heartfelt thanks go to the Negleys and to all the volunteers who made this event such a success.

WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

It will – if you don't join the Association. MVHA's new policy is to mail Vistas only to members. Be sure to pay your dues to continue receiving Vistas! You'll find a membership form on the back of this paper.



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP VISTAS NEWSLETTER AND 2015 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The policy has changed regarding distribution of Vistas Newsletter. Beginning with the Summer Issue, this newsletter will be mailed to MVHA members only. However, it will also be available at On Main-Off Main and other MV businesses.

A new Membership Directory will be compiled this year, to be distributed in Fall 2015. You must be a member to receive a directory. The directory will list member's name, address, telephone and email. Any member may choose not to be listed in the directory.

So be sure to pay your dues and remain or become a member. Thank you!

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MVHA Committees

- Architectural Preservation
- Architectural Review
- Code Compliance
- Historic Preservation
- Home Tour
- Membership
- Neighborhood Safety and Services
- Preservation Investment
- Social and Third Thursdays
- Trinity University

Members of Monte Vista Historical Association are welcome and encouraged to serve on the various committees. Interested parties should contact any member of the MVHA Board, the Committee Chairperson, or call the MVHA Office at 210-737-8212 and leave a message.

PRESIDENT'S SPRING MESSAGE

The Monte Vista Historical Association welcomed ten **new board members** in January. They bring with them lots of new energy and enthusiasm, and it has been a great pleasure to make new friends. I would like to introduce them to you.

Paula Bondurant serves on Code Compliance. We call her "The Enforcer." Jessica Elliott brings her knowledge of design and construction to the Architectural Review Committee. Diane Fuqua is a board alumnus returning to serve as Recording Secretary. Summer Greathouse is an attorney with a new baby. In her spare time she serves on Code Compliance and will be hiding Easter Eggs very soon.

Sandra Grove is in the oil business, and helps promote membership. Dolly Holmes and Michele Nievaard are heading up **Home Tour 2015**, and they are off to a great start. Diane Warren is helping to preserve history on ARC. Rosanne White is editing Vistas. Judge Bill White is serving on Neighborhood Safety, and David Smith takes our pictures and makes jokes.

But that's not all! **MV volunteers** are also making mighty big contributions. Weir Labatt is a one-man alley clean-up and re-opening crew. His efforts in tree trimming, brush control, and coordination with the city have resulted in the opening of six alleys that were formerly closed! Susanna Garcia has transformed our website, and it looks like Madison Avenue now. Check it out at montevista-sa.org.

Elladean Moreno and Wendel Fuqua helped make our **I Love Monte Vista** membership party a great success. Kathy Armstrong keeps us up to date on Facebook. And of course, no one devotes more time to the association than the volunteer members of the Architectural Review Committee: Paul Kinnison, Vince Johnson, Don McDonald, Michael Daniels, Trey Rabke, along with board members Tony Garcia, Jessica Elliott, and Diane Warren.

In the office, Tertia Emerson, a former board president and long-time Monte Vista resident and supporter, is expanding her work as Office

Administrator, and helping the association operate on a more professional level.

With all this new energy, we have some new ideas as well. We hope to revive **Monte Vista Block Captains** in 2015, as a way to promote community and safety. And my own personal little project: a digital archive of original architectural plans for houses in Monte Vista. Three residents have already donated plans. Please let us know if you happen to have some lying about the house. We will make copies and return the originals to you.

We are looking forward to our traditional events. **Third Thursdays** in the Spring and Fall, **Easter Egg Hunt** and **Independence Day Parade and Picnic** are all for fun. Tony Garcia will once again host special educational seminars. Watch for those. The Architectural Review Committee continues its important work guiding residents in making historically appropriate alterations to their houses. Neighborhood Safety will continue to work to calm traffic, and Code Compliance will keep an eye on zoning cases.

We were off to a great start with our **I Love Monte Vista** membership party in February. It was a smash, and if you missed it, you made a big mistake! It was held at the fascinating home of Leith and Dick Negley, and it could not have been a nicer event. If that is any indication, 2015 should be a banner year.

We have great board members, as you see, but we also need volunteers! Come join us at **Easter Egg Hunt**; just send an email to info@montevista-sa.org, and we will be in touch. It's really fun. And come to our Third Thursdays. It's the best way to get to know your neighbors. You can tend bar if you want to. We have a spectacular house lined up in March! The home of Anna and Bruce Liesman at 302 West Mulberry. Look for that on our website and eblasts.

We hope to see you!

Cee Parker

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Christmas Third Thursday 2014

Once again Carla Morrison provided her home for the magical setting of Monte Vista's Christmas Third Thursday. We all enjoyed it. Thank you so much, Carla!



NEXTDOR WEBSITE: BEING NEIGHBORLY IS NOW AN APP!

by Dolly Holmes

Nextdoor is a private social network for neighbors, accessible from your home computer or SmartPhone. Many of us have such busy lives, we no longer see our neighbors while walking the dog or going out for the mail or paper. Now there's an easy way for the tech-savvy to stay connected with neighbors. Nextdoor allows you and your neighbors to talk online, making us all safer and better in the real world.

Some uses for Nextdoor : Quickly get the word out about a break-in. Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group. Find a trustworthy babysitter or good painter. Report a lost dog. Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name!

Here's how to join:

- Go to: www.nextdoor.com or download the App in iTunes or the Google Play Store. It's free!

- Verify your address. The Monte Vista community will only be accessible to addresses that are registered in our neighborhood and our surrounding neighborhoods such as River Road and Tobin Hill. You can expand or limit when you set up your preferences.
- Provide your name, address and gender. There are optional things you can provide such as your interests to help connect with neighbors who have similar interests.
- Indicate your Preferences for notifications. Receive as many or as few as you wish.
- Invite your neighbors to join by providing their email address.

Monte Vista now has 243 members on Nextdoor; there are 840 members in the surrounding neighborhoods including Monte Vista. What a wonderful way to connect for safety, sourcing and friendships!

CITY CODES - DO YOU KNOW THE RULES?

PARKING

In our old neighborhood, many people regularly park on the street for various reasons. Folks tend to become complaisant about their parking habits, or they do not know the code. Here are a few parking rules that are often ignored:

Park in the direction of the flow of traffic. Wheels should be within 18 inches of the right-hand curb.

Do NOT park within:

- 20 ft of an intersection cross walk
- 30 ft of a Yield sign, Stop sign or traffic light
- 15 ft of a fire hydrant.

Of course, do not park in front of a driveway or on a sidewalk, and do not double park.

SAVE THE ALLEY PICKUP!

Alley pickup of garbage and recyclables is a valuable asset to most people living in Monte Vista. The city can (and does) refuse alley pickup if alleys are not properly maintained. Homeowner are responsible for keeping their alley clear. City Code specifies that alleys must have clearance 15 ft wide and 14 ft high. No obstacles or debris stockpiles. Trim and clear overhanging brush and tree limbs. There must be a clear path through the entire alley.

Do your part to keep your alley open and "Save the Alley Pickup!"

KID'S FUN *at the* LANDA

by Julie Van Zandt

Join the Landa Gardens Conservancy for May Month. The Conservancy brings quality family entertainment to the Landa grounds every Saturday morning in May starting at 10 am. These events are free and open to the public. See the line-up of performances in the Calendar section, back page of this newsletter.

Urban experts posit the health of a neighborhood is reflected in its public spaces. Come check out the Landa Library, the vibrant centerpiece of Monte Vista's public space.

Year round SAPL activities at the Landa Library Branch:

Tuesdays	10am-10:45am 11am-11:45am	Baby Time (0-18 months) Toddler Time (18-36 months)
Wednesdays	1am-1:45am	Baby Time
Thursdays	10am-10:45am	Story Time (ages 3-5)
3rd Thursday	4pm-5pm	Lego Club
2nd Friday	10am-5:30pm	Come-Go Crafts

Landa Community Garden Work Day. Bring your little digger to a workday held periodically according to gardening seasonal needs.

<http://landagardens.org/blog/community-garden/>

Spring Fun Runs in the hood. Watch the Girls on the Run website for their annual run the MV neighborhood. <http://www.gotrsanantonio.org/5ks>

ARCHIVE FOR ARCHITECTURAL PLANS

MVHA is establishing an archive of original architectural plans for houses in Monte Vista. MVHA President Cee Parker, himself an architect, is spearheading this effort. It is our hope that over time this archive will become a valuable resource for architectural historians and preservationists and will contribute to our efforts to protect and preserve our distinctive architectural heritage. Cee tells us these old plans sometimes are found in basements or cedar closets. Sometimes they go unrecognized and are later found in estate sales. It's like a treasure hunt!

If you have original architect's or builder's plans for your house, or any house in Monte Vista, you may like to have a digital copy preserved in the MVHA archive. Original plans will be scanned and held in digital format at the Monte Vista office as reference material. Individuals may request access to particular plans in the archive.

If you would like to include your original house plans in MVHA archives, please contact Cee Parker.

SAVE THE DATES!!! MONTE VISTA HOME TOUR

by Dolly Holmes and Michele Nievaard

The bi-annual Monte Vista Home Tour is scheduled for November 7th and you won't want to miss the opportunity to view some of the most beautiful and historic homes in our neighborhood. The weather should be perfect at this time of year for a nice stroll along the tour route, so you can get a bit of exercise along the way. This is also the chance to support the primary fundraiser for MVHA. We have five wonderful and very different homes on the tour this year. Stay tuned for more information in the next Vistas as well as information on where to purchase tickets!



ARE YOU BLOCK CAPTAIN MATERIAL?

by Dolly Holmes

We have been discussing the resurrection of Block Captains for MVHA as a way to help neighbors get to know each other, keep an eye out for each other and to make sure that new neighbors are welcomed to Monte Vista. This is a wonderful neighborhood with so many things to offer, but many folks tell us that, while they know a few people in the area, they wish they knew more of their neighbors down the block or even next door. What better way to get to know your neighbors than to be a block captain? If you like to meet new people, organize small events, and you have a willingness to serve, this might be just the way to get involved with MVHA. We will hold an informational meeting within the next couple of months. If you are interested, please send an email to info@montevista-sa.org and we will be sure to include you in the meeting.

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CALENDAR

Architectural Review Committee Meeting Landa Library Annex

March 9 and 23; April 13 and 27, May 11 and 25, June 8 and 22, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

(Second and fourth Monday of the month)

Landa Library Annex

MVHA Board Meeting

March 10, April 13, May 12, June 9, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

(Second Tuesday of the month)

Landa Library Annex

March Third Thursday Gathering

March 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Home of Anna and Bruce Liesman

302 West Mulberry

Fiesta Third Thursday

April 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

On Main/Off Main, 120 W Mistletoe

May Third Thursday Gathering

May 21, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Press Coffee, 606 W French Pl., at San Pedro

Landa Gardens May Month

May 3, 10 a.m.

Folklorico Mestizo, dance performance

May 10, 10 a.m.

Art in the Park, community project

May 17, 10 a.m.

Miss Anastasia, story time

May 24, 10 a.m.

Owen Duggan, children's singer/songwriter

May 31, 10 a.m.

Magik Children's Theatre

Pre-Home Tour Gala

Friday, November 6

Monte Vista Fall Home Tour

Saturday, November 7, 2015



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List the top three issues you would like the MVHA Board to address in 2015:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Monte Vista needs volunteers. Please check the following if you are interested:

I would like to serve on the MVHA Board or committee _____

I would like to host a Third Thursday Social at my home _____

I would like my home featured on the 2015 MV Home Tour _____

I would like to volunteer to help with the Easter Egg Hunt or 4th of July Picnic _____

I would like to (list your idea) _____

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