



TERRELL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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NEWS & VIEWS

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A SAD GOODBYE TO THE ELF LOUISE TOY DRIVE

It's a sad day in Terrell Heights. It looks like the Elf Louise Toy Drive will not take place this year. That is unless new volunteers step up to get it organized.

The toy drive is a longstanding tradition in our neighborhood, and one to which we have a special connection. In case you didn't know it, Louise "Elf Louise" Locker lives right here in our neighborhood.

For many years, the same three amazing ladies—Ann Deeds, Linda Spencer, and Jennifer Herriott—have generously given their time to organize this event. Now it's time for someone else to take it on.

Please don't let this incredible event go away. If you want to find out what you can do to make sure the Elf Louise Toy Drive continues, please contact Ann Deeds at 210-260-2879 or adeeds@gmail.com. ★

2017 ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC . . . THE LAST ONE?

For nigh on 20 years, the Events Committee has organized the Annual Neighborhood Picnic. The same folks have been organizing this whole shebang for many years, and now they're ready to pass the torch of leadership.

In years past, this committee has organized and hosted a slew of other neighborhood events, like the Boo Fest, Christmas caroling, Annual

Yard Sale, Alley Clean Up, Chili Cook-Off, an Amazing Race, and tree plantings. The committee also assists with the Screen at the Scates.

This committee is vital to our neighborhood in ways that cannot be measured. The volunteers who serve this committee are all about doing the kinds of things that bring neighbors together and creating a community that is healthy and thriving for all of us.

The Events Committee needs new people, new ideas and new energy. We need your help to organize the Annual Picnic so that we can keep it going every year. Without new volunteers, April 2017 could be the last year for this wonderful annual event.

*Please join us for
drinks and dessert on
**Monday, November 14th
at 7 p.m., 103 Devonshire,**
to learn more about neighbor-
hood events and how you can
be part of something
very special.*

For more information, contact Ann Deeds at 210-260-2879 or 4amazed@gmail.com. ★

BUILDING COMMUNITY

by Kay Kimbell

We're fortunate to live in a neighborhood with an active neighborhood association committed to bringing residents together in ways that build the kind of community in which all of us can take pride. But it takes a lot of people to do that. It takes a strong membership base.

With a strong, active membership base in THNA:

- ★ Residents have access to the people and means to help resolve neighborhood issues
- ★ Residents are empowered to help control what happens in our area
- ★ Members can take part in decisions that direct the neighborhood's actions

And that's just for starters. Having a recognized neighborhood association gives us an organized way to communicate our concerns and needs to elected officials and city government, and gives us authority and influence we could not achieve as individuals. It gives us access to resources and opportunities that benefit our neighborhood.

Then there's the Event Committee which organizes activities which are instrumental in bringing neighbors together for the purpose of building a strong community.

Another vital part of THNA is the Beautification Committee, which works diligently to preserve and enhance the integrity, aesthetics and character of





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THNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jenny Heymann—President
Mary Miles—Vice President
Walter Brown—Secretary
Brandon Wenzel—Treasurer

our neighborhood.

Join THNA today and be part of an organization that is committed to making our neighborhood a better, stronger community that all of us can be proud of. It's only \$25 to join . . . just a week's worth of Starbucks coffee!

Mail your \$25 check today to THNA, 1248 Austin Hwy., #106-220, San Antonio, TX 78209, or email Jenny Heymann at President @terrellheights.org. ★

SCREEN AT THE SCATES RENEWED FOR 2017

Grande Communications will generously sponsor the *Screen at the Scates* film series again for 2017. We want your help to select the dates and films, promote screenings, and help out with the screening set-up and concessions.

Screen at the Scates brings in hundreds of dollars to the neighborhood and is a fun and unique activity that distinguishes Terrell Heights from other. Help make 2017 a blockbuster year for *Screen at the Scates*.

To learn more and to get involved, contact Art Ordoqui, 706-296-6955 or ordoqui.art@gmail.com. ★

TERRELL HEIGHTS RESIDENT VEHICLE ID

by Mary Miles

"It can be hard at times to tell if a vehicle belongs in the neighborhood or not," SAFFE Officer Moses Berban stated at the June 2016 Crime and Safety Meeting. In response to his comment, THNA now offers

Terrell Heights Resident Vehicle decals. The decal is to be placed in the vehicle's rear, left window (driver's side). This is strictly voluntary. The decal is a 4" diameter reflective circle with the THNA logo and "Terrell Heights Neighborhood Resident". The cost is \$5 for THNA members and \$7 for non-THNA members. Contact Mary Miles at 210-389-4431 for more information. ★

CITIZENS ON PATROL

by Mary Miles



This special community program is offered by SAPD to residents. The COP Program prepares residents to be the eyes and ears of the police, and promotes closer cooperation between residents and city agencies. Help our SAPD in monitoring our neighborhood by joining the COP Program.

Thanks to the neighbors who have completed the October 2016 class: Caroline Clausel (Emporia), Deborah Castro (Irvington), James Spencer (Irvington), Patrick Miles (Greenwich), Mary Miles (Greenwich), Kathy Restivo (Greenwich) and Mark Deeds (Devonshire). Mary Miles will serve as the COP Lead for our neighborhood and can be reached at 210-389-4431 for more information.

Next Class: Nov 2, 2016, 6pm-10pm Northside SAPD Substation, 13030 Jones-Maltsberger Rd, San Antonio, TX 78247. Please also check

out <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/Cellular-On-Patrol> ★

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS by Judith Temple

Fall is here and with the cooler weather comes delicious lettuce, spinach, beets, Swiss chard, kale, carrots, beans, broccoli and cabbage. Our gardeners have been busy preparing the communal and personal plots for fall planting, hosting a workshop, and finishing the shed and shelter.

The garden hosted a Green Spaces Alliance workshop on Oct. 8 about native plants such as milkweed, salvia, coneflowers, and asters, which attract butterflies and other pollinators. The Terrell Heights garden is a way station for migrating monarchs to feed and lay their eggs.



Thanks to the architecture and construction science students from UTSA and St. Philip's College, our garden now has a lovely shed and shade shelter. Katelyn Gartrell and Drew Yockey also completed their Gold and Eagle Scout awards by building benches and a harvest station for the garden. Come see what's growing. Join the garden group. Contact Judith Temple at sjntemple@yahoo.com. ★