

Terrell Heights is a gem of a neighborhood. I've been here 33 years, and one of the things I've noticed that makes Terrell Heights so special is Terrell Heights Neighborhood Association. But participation in THNA has been declining. And I might be wrong, but it seems as if our sense of community has been declining as well.

Guiding Our Community — Joining THNA gives us a say in what happens in our community. It's a forum to identify, discuss, and resolve neighborhood issues. When residents feel threatened by poor zoning, poor planning, or poor City resources, when developers threaten to encroach



Studies show a link between the physical appearance of neighborhoods and crime. When community members work to improve and maintain the physical appearance of their neighborhood, such programs can thwart more crime. The visual cues of an improved neighborhood sends a strong message to both residents and outsiders about community involvement and concern.

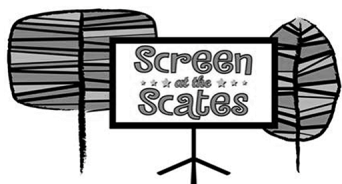


MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are *only* \$25 a year for a household membership. That means *everyone* in a household can join THNA for one low price of \$25. Join online at www.terrellheights.org/household, or send a \$25 check to THNA, 1248 Austin Hwy #106-220, San Antonio, TX 78209.

March 29—Screen at the Scates
April 13—Annual Picnic and Tree Giveaway
May 4—Plant Sale at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
May 18—Neighborhood Yard Sale
June 14—Screen at the Scates
October 2—National Night Out
October 18—Screen at the Scates

Movies begin at dark. Bring a lawn chair. Concessions will be available. Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church will provide free popcorn. And thanks to Steve Camp from Mt. Calvary who furnishes and runs the video and audio equipment.



THNA will host three movies this year in partnership with Grande Communications, which generously funds this event:

- ★ *March 29*—THE IRON GIANT
★ *June 14*—SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-

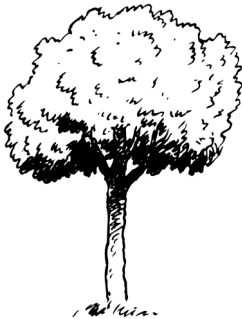
This fun and family-friendly event is sponsored by THNA, is organized and run by the fabulous volunteers of THNA, and is open to all Terrell Heights



residents. Excitement is already building over this year's picnic as we gear up to bring you:

- ★ Petting zoo
- ★ Games
- ★ Fiesta-themed bike parade
- ★ Tree giveaway hosted the Beautification Committee
- ★ Free food and drinks

Please consider volunteering or leading an activity. Contact Mari Boyd by texting her at 210-388-2056 or emailing her at mariverduzco74@gmail.com for more information. Your help will be appreciated!



TREE GIVE-AWAY by Amy Sharp

100 five-gallon trees will be given away to Terrell Heights residents at the Annual Picnic, available on a first-come first-served basis. The Beautification Committee worked with the Parks & Recreation Department to provide the trees, free of charge. There will be a variety of tree species. Better get there early because these trees are sure to go fast!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 2 is a night for Terrell Heights residents to stand together to promote crime prevention awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. NNO brings attention to the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in creating a safe environment.

Spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Consider hosting a get-together for your neighbors. To register a block party or to get more information, go to <https://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/National-Night-Out>.

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY op-ed by Kay Kimbell

There are a variety of reasons for why people don't or won't join THNA, but two reasons are especially troubling that erode a strong sense of community:

Apathy. In apathy lies failure. While it leads to more problems than I could possibly list here, there is one issue that should be mentioned. The community suffering from this ailment is ill-prepared to find solutions and take action on complex issues that affect everyone in the community.

The other troubling reason is the perception that THNA doesn't do anything, or doesn't do enough, or does something folks disagree with. That's an unfair assessment of what THNA is and can do. THNA is a very small group of volunteers (folks with families and jobs like the rest of us), and what they can do is largely dictated by the interests, capabilities, and availability of those volunteers. It doesn't seem appropriate to criticize THNA for not doing something if there aren't the volunteers to do it. The solution to the perceived problem is to get involved and help bring about the change you want to see.



To the Block Captains of THNA, a great big "thank you" for delivering the newsletter to our Terrell Heights neighbors. What they are doing helps to ensure our community is vital and thriving:

Kimberly Ash, Robert Balfour, Dutch & Candy Berkley, Walter Brown, Victoria Bustos, Deborah Cabaza, Libby Crawford, Ashley Geistweidt, Joel & Amy Guerra, Tess Gutierrez, Amanda Harper, Allie Hartry, Joe & Beverly Ingle, Anna Kehde, Michael Kennedy, Steve Kline, Laura Kuivenhoven, David Mainz, Jenny Moore, Nora Pullin, Michelle Reyna, Kathy Reynolds, Marielee Sample, Julie Sauter, Fred Schwab, Jamie Seidel, and Eric Vogt.

"Community commitments, especially formal participation, help enhance our sense of identity, promote ongoing networks of social relationships . . . volunteering gives us a sense of ourselves as engaged in meaningful, productive activities that help change the world and a wider view of our possibilities." (*Professor Phyllis Moen, Dept. of Sociology, University of Minnesota*)

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

THNA's Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale will take place on **Saturday, May 18**. For details and sign-up information, contact Judy Temple at 210-488-3982 or sjntemple@yahoo.com.

Plant Sale

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, MAY 4th, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

- CASH ONLY -



Easter Celebration



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church extends a warm invitation to our community attend Holy Week services and Easter Sunday service on **April 21st**. See the schedule at www.mountcalvary.org/media-resources/calendar-of-events/events/list/

THNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Kay Kimbell—Vice President
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Mari Boyd—Secretary
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Anna Kehde—Member at Large
Hilda Ochoa—Member at Large

Have questions or comments?
Contact THNA at President@terrellheights.org