## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AUGUST 2022



## TERRELL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



WHAT: Terrell Heights Neighborhood Association annual meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church - gym

Come to the annual meeting and your THNA membership this year is free! All we ask is that you fill out a simple form with your contact information and answer a couple of questions. THNA is not asking for dues this year as we work hard to rebuild, re-energize, and re-imagine THNA following the two-year COVID shutdown.

This is also a golden opportunity to hear Councilman Perry talk about issues affecting our neighborhood and city, to get information from representatives for Code Compliance, SAWS, and CPS, and to get advice from our SAPD SAAFE Officer about safety and security. Free refreshments will be catered by the Councilman's office.

The 2022-23 Board members will be introduced and all who sign up as THNA members that night will be asked to vote in the new Board (THNA bylaws state: "No open nominations will be taken from the floor during the annual meeting.") We wish to thank those who have so generously answered the call to serve our community on the THNA Board: Charles Gutierrez, Helen Moore, Pablo Calva, Mike O'Con, Eric Munson, and Kate Griffin. Returning Board members are Janet Grojean, Anna Kehde, and Kay Kimbell.

**Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 10 p.m.,** Terrell Heights is having a party! 35 parties, actually! The heart of this event is community investment in the well-being of our fellow neighbors and our neighborhood.

The first step in creating a safer community is knowing your neighbors, and a Block Party is one of the best ways to meet. *San Antonio Neighbors Together* is an offshoot of National Night Out, and we want to support a party on every block! Most blocks have a designated block captain who will be coordinating this event. But if you want to help, please let THNA know (contact <u>Janetgrojean@gmail.com</u>) and we'll put you in touch with your block captain.



For block captains who host a block party, THNA will assist financially by way of HEB gift cards. You can also get creative by having neighbors bring potluck dishes. Recruit the neighbor who plays guitar. How about a little salsa dancing? How about your neighbor with the sound system you hear at 2:00 a.m.? Gather your neighborhood assets for a great party!

But first and foremost, mark **October 4**<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and plan for a night out with your neighbors! San Antonio Neighbors Together promotes community involvement to prevent crime. Police say that the most effective crime prevention tools are knowing who your neighbors are and paying attention to what's going on in your neighborhood. The police are the ones making arrests, but it's the vigilant neighbor who can notice when things are out of the ordinary and can call 911 to report suspicious activity.



If you think Terrell Heights is a special place to live and you want to make sure it stays that way, get involved with THNA.

The neighborhood association strives to bring neighbors together to share common goals and concerns, develop creative and strategic solutions together, and represent the interests of our neighborhood with local government.

A "sense of community" doesn't happen by accident. It takes effort to build a respectful environment where we can work together to better meet the needs of our community and address concerns in a way that individuals can't do on their own. But it takes more than just a handful of people to do the work. The neighborhood association is only as active and robust as participation makes it.

Will you help our community truly flourish? Will you help THNA define what we as a neighborhood want to achieve and how we will go

about achieving it? Together we are stronger.

Please reach out to Kay Kimbell at <u>kaykimbell@gmail.com</u> if you're inspired to serve our community.





