

EL REPORTERO

SPRING 2008

We're Growing "Green"!

The Avenida Guadalupe Association, Inc. (AGA) is proud to announce its first Level 1 "Green" Home in the JT Brackenridge Affordable Subdivision. On May 2-3, 2008, the AGA held its first Open House, showcasing the home at **1122 Julia Ross**. This is San Antonio's first affordable **green** (energy-efficient) subdivision. The subdivision currently has 15 new homes that were built according to *Build San Antonio Green* standards. All of the homes in the subdivision (59) when completed will meet the Level 1 criteria for green designation.

The 3 bedroom, 2 bath house is Energy Star Certified, complete with vaulted ceilings in the living room and master bedroom; brand new, top of the line GE appliances for the kitchen, including microwave hood; custom tile and compact fluorescent lighting throughout; tile backsplashes in the bathrooms; central air with Heat Pump for greater efficiency; energy-efficient windows and insulation; and low-flow plumbing. The design will decrease overall energy consumption by 25 to 40 percent per house per year. The low-flow toilets alone will save each household about 11, 000 gallons of water per year.

In addition to building several of the 59 homes, AGA is also heavily involved with the homebuyers. AGA offers homebuyer's classes as well as one-on-one pre- and post-purchase counseling. Other partners in this endeavor include: San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation (SAAHC), and Neighborhood Housing Services of San Antonio (NHS). As the Neighborhood Association, AGA is excited about the new growth in the area. 59 new homes will bring a small swell to the local population as well as impact local businesses and schools. Hopefully San Antonio will develop more green subdivisions in the future. Until then, the AGA Neighborhood is adding some "green" to its area landscape.



FOR SALE

1122 Julia Ross (pictured at left) is for sale. To get qualified for this and future homes, please contact Marta Alaquez at (210) 223-3151 for further details.



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Neighborhood Meeting

Come join us at our next Neighborhood meeting which will be held on **Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30pm at the El Progreso on 1306 Guadalupe St.** and hear a short introduction about one of our newest programs, **G.A.N.A.S** (Guadalupe Association Neighborhood Ambassador Service). We are looking for residents of the Avenida neighborhood to serve as Ambassadors (liaisons with the Association and the Neighborhood). Come check out our new Master Plan and provide input. Light refreshments will be served.

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Neighborhood News

In Celebration of Global Youth Service Day

The Avenida Guadalupe Association and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church teamed up to wipe-out graffiti along a retainer wall located within the Alazan Creek. The Alazan Creek Graffiti Clean-up was made possible through the City of San Antonio's Graffiti Wipe – Out Program, which provides citizens, businesses and/or organizations with the paint and supplies needed to conduct neighborhood graffiti clean-ups.

Picture at right: Andrea Peralta, Michael Cantu, Lee Thielen, Clarissa Acuna, and Nora Tapia



For more information about the Graffiti Wipe-Out Program please call Environmental Services, at **207-6440** or **311**.

Coffee with the Councilwoman!

Join us at our first gathering on **Tuesday, May 20, 2008, from 9:00 - 10:30 am** at the Guadalupe Street Coffee House, located at 1320 Guadalupe. Come meet with SAFFE officers from the Central, South and West substations and learn what you can do to protect **your business**. This event is free and open to the public.

This will be the first in a series of monthly **“Coffee Talks”** with District 5 Councilwoman Lourdes Galvan.

Future dates are:

Tuesday, June 24th
Tuesday, July 22nd
Tuesday, August 26th
Tuesday, September 23rd
Tuesday, October 28th
Tuesday, November 25th
Tuesday, December 9th



*Times, places and dates subject to change.

Serenata de Oro:

Canciones Para Mi Mama

*Un concierto honoring our Mothers,
La Mujer y La Paz*



Sunday, May 11, 2008

3pm-6pm

Plaza Guadalupe
1327 Guadalupe St.
FREE! GRATIS!

*¡Comida! ¡Música! ¡Alegría!
¡Mariachi, Conjunto y más!*

Featuring San Antonio's pioneras musicales: "La Calandria" Rita Vidaurri, "La Paloma del Norte" Beatriz Llamas, Perla Tapatia, y Blanca Rosa, with Musical Accompaniment by: Eva Ybarra y su Conjunto and Mariachi Las Erendiras. Para más información llame al Esperanza Peace & Justice Center: (210) 228-0201

*This event is co-sponsored by the AGA

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Basura Bash Alazan Creek Tributary Zone Clean-up 2008

On Saturday, March 28, 2008 over 200 community volunteers came out to help clean up the Alazan Creek in the 14th Annual Basura Bash Creek clean – up, co-sponsored by the Avenida Guadalupe Association. Volunteers made this clean-up effort a success! The event was organized by the Basura Bash Organizing Committee in conjunction with two AmeriCorps American Sunrise Public Allies interns placed at the Avenida Guadalupe Association (Regina Maspero and Nora Tapia). In addition to cleaning up the environment, the goal is to build awareness for community investments through civic participation. The clean-up crews' efforts removed: 68 tires; 250 lbs. of steel; 2 pickup truck loads of filled recycle bags; one bottle of syringes; 4 mattresses; 1 box spring; 5 piles of carpet; 1 drum and tons of trash! All volunteers were treated to an after party in appreciation of their time and effort with food, music and volunteer certificates of appreciation. If you are interested in participating in next year's clean-up or would like more information please call (210) 223-2151 or visit www.basurabash.org.



2008 Basura Bash
Clean it Like You Mean It!
14th Annual San Antonio River Clean-Up



Pictured at right: Volunteers from the SA Food Bank



State Farm Child Safety Day

In May, State Farm will reinforce its ongoing commitment to child passenger safety by hosting its 17th Annual Child Safety Day at more than 150 locations across the country. Through this event, parents will be educated about the importance of properly buckling up kids. Child Safety Day focuses on the significance of car seats, booster seats and seat belts for children riding in motor vehicles. Local agencies will provide free inspections of child safety seats on **May 29, 2008 from 3pm-6pm** in the El Parian parking lot. All participants must be pre-screened. To participate please call (210) 358-4272. The State Farm Community Volunteers will also be on-hand to provide assistance. For more information please contact: (210) or visit www.chop.edu/carseat

* This event is co-sponsored by the AGA.

Announcing El Progreso Community Center Grand Re-Opening



Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 9 am - noon
El Progreso Community Center
1306 Guadalupe Street
Light refreshments will be provided.

The Avenida Guadalupe Association cordially invites **YOU**, the community and business professionals, to tour the newly renovated El Progreso Community Center. The 90 year old building was once San Antonio's first talking movie theater, but today, it is once again a gathering place, providing space for events as diverse as weddings, training seminars, and debuts.

Come take a tour of the facility! Book your next event!

For more information please call (210) 223-3151

Save The Date

Upcoming Public Events

May 11- Serenata de Oro (Mother's Day Event)

@ Plaza Guadalupe 3 pm- 6 pm

June 7- Magic Show

@ Plaza Guadalupe 2 pm- 5 pm

June 14- Father's Day Fiesta

@ Plaza Guadalupe 7 am - 4 pm

June 18- Choir Performance (Mission Sight)

@ Plaza Guadalupe 7 pm- 9 pm

Calling All Volunteers!

AGA is currently seeking volunteers for our annual

16 de Septiembre Parade & Festival

This year's festivities will take place on

Saturday, September 13, 2008.

If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact
Veronica at (210) 223-3151.

Update from State Representative Mike Villarreal
Texas House District 123

Workshop Series: "Working for a Living"

June 4, 2008

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church
1101 W. Woodlawn (corner of Michigan)

Are you looking to find a job or move to a better job? Join State Representative Mike Villarreal and staff from the Texas Workforce Commission to learn about state resources for job seekers and the unemployed. Staff will provide information on how to apply for work, and how to access the state's work search services. The presentation will also address how to apply for unemployment benefits, and prepare for appeals. Workshop participants will gain valuable information about labor market trends and career info for San Antonio.

The workshop is free, and refreshments are provided for participants.

Please r.s.v.p. to Toni Serna at toni.serna@house.state.tx.us
or call 210-734-8937.

Find out more about the AGA at www.avenidaguadalupe.org

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