

SAN ANTONIO PRESERVATION NEWSLINK

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A Message from the Historic Preservation Officer, Shanon Wasielewski

Historic Preservation is about telling the story of our city, neighborhoods and homes through our built environment. We designate properties and review alterations to those properties in order to manage change to our historic districts and landmarks in a way that is consistent with the overall character so that the story is maintained. Each individual window, porch, house, commercial building, school, church and neighborhood are woven together to create the overall fabric of our city. This fabric is what provides the backdrop for our experiences, memories and events in the life of our community. Taking care of our built environment does more than just save old buildings. It provides a sense of belonging, a collective memory and a sense of pride in our past. We need to support and promote preservation because it is about more than saving old buildings; it

is about protecting our heritage and what defines us as a country, city, and community. Preservation is not about longing for the past or resisting progress. It's about building on the past toward the future.

The Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) is pleased to provide you with up-to-date information about preservation news and events from within San Antonio and surrounding areas. This summer is full of exciting events and educational opportunities focused on preservation in San Antonio. I encourage you to take advantage of these events and invite your friends and neighbors to attend as well. You can find additional information about each event by going to our website at www.sanantonio.gov/historic and clicking the "Events and Updates" icon. It is constantly being updated with new content and information so don't forget to check it out regularly. We are interested in what you think so feel free to send information or comments to us. You can contact staff by email at OHP@sanantonio.gov or by phone at (210) 215-9274.

HDRC Meeting Notice: If you routinely (?) attend the Historic Design and Review Committee (HDRC) meeting, please be advised that the regularly scheduled meeting for August 5th has been moved to July 29th. It will be at **2:00 pm** in the board room at 1901 S. Alamo. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact staff at 207-1460.



Historic Window Restoration Workshop July 31-August 1 Fire Station #11, 323 S. Frio

Space is filling up quickly for the window workshop at the end of the month! The preservation of historic windows is essential in maintaining the quality and character of San Antonio's historic resources. On Friday and Saturday, July 31st and August 1st, the Office of Historic Preservation and the UTSA College of Architecture are hosting a hands-on training to teach citizens how to rehabilitate historic windows. The workshop will be at the historic Fire Station #11 at 323 S. Frio Street. Participants will learn how to assess the condition of

a window, remove the window, repair any damaged areas, and re-install the window in working order. Participation in this event is by registration only and space is limited so sign up today! Registration forms and additional information is available on our website at www.sanantonio.gov/historic. Contact Molly Matthews at OHP@sanantonio.gov or 207-1460 to register or for more information.



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You're invited to a networking event at

Olmos Pharmacy
3902 McCullough
August 13, 2009
5:30
Hosted by:
Preservation Texas & Preservation Action




Realtor Training - Historic House Specialist

Friday, August 28th 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

1901 S. Alamo, Training Rooms A & B

TREC # 06-00-061-8153 Provider # 0008

This course is open to realtors and the general public by registration only. Anyone interested in historic real estate is welcome to register to attend. The City of San Antonio has 24 historic districts and over 2,000 individually landmarked properties. Selling homes in a historic district presents its own set of challenges and opportunities unique to San Antonio. This course will teach you to research historic properties, identify important architectural features and materials, and explain the economics involved in historic properties. You will learn how to market a historic home and highlight some of the benefits of owning a historic property. The City's Office of Historic Preservation will also discuss what it means to own a historic home in terms of renovations and alterations and the permitting process. 6 MCE hours, no legal credit. To register for the class, please contact SABOR at (210) 593-1200 or dina@sabor.com



Historic Homeowner Fair

Saturday, August 29th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Municipal Auditorium

Finally! Resources for historic preservation will all be in one place at one time! If you have ever considered purchasing a historic home or you currently own a historic home and need ideas and advice for your historic property, attending this event is a must. The City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation is sponsoring a Historic Homeowner Fair. The fair will include sessions on improving energy efficiency, repairing historic wood windows, "green" living in historic properties, and appropriate additions to historic homes, just to name a few. Also part of the event is an Exhibitors' Fair with products and services of interest to historic homeowners. The purpose of the fair is to give citizens and

professionals an opportunity to interact and discuss issues related to historic properties. This event is free and open to the public.

If you are interested in becoming an exhibitor or sponsor at the Homeowner Fair on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at Municipal Auditorium please contact Molly Matthews at the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation for space availability and reservations.



Rise and Shine for Preservation! Community Symposium August 31, 2009

7:30 am – 9:00 am *Coffee and refreshments will be served*
1901 S. Alamo, Training Rooms A & B

Join us for a free community symposium on preservation featuring renowned preservation expert, Donovan Rypkema. The purpose of this symposium is to provide citizens with valuable information about historic preservation, the economics of preservation, and sustainability. Donovan Rypkema is recognized as a leader in the economics of preservation and will speak about how sustainability and preservation are one and the same. For more information about our speaker and his publications please visit www.placeeconomics.com.



Luncheon August 31, 2009 Hyatt Regency San Antonio

The Office of Historic Preservation and the Downtown Alliance are co-presenting the Urban Renaissance Luncheon on August 31st. Registration for the luncheon begins at 11:30 am. The Luncheon

and presentation is from noon to 1:30 pm. For additional information and registration, contact the Downtown Alliance at (210) 225-3862.



Strategic Plan Update

The Strategic Preservation Plan Steering Committee hosted the final community meeting on the plan on June 30th. The Draft Strategic Preservation Plan is available online at www.sanantonio.gov/historic. The plan includes recommendations related to planning, zoning, economic development, historic resources, incentives and education/advocacy. Public comment is welcome. A briefing on the draft plan will be given to the Historic and Design Review Commission on July 29th and to City Council at "B" Session on August 5th. The purpose of this initiative is to create broad-based community consensus about historic preservation issues so that we are better equipped to make sound decisions about the preservation of our historic buildings, sites, and districts. The Strategic Preservation Plan, once adopted, will provide concrete strategies to enhance the preservation program and capitalize on our unique historic resources that have a proven positive impact on economic development, heritage tourism, and quality of life. Please contact our office at OHP@sanantonio.gov or Elizabeth Porterfield at 207-3327 for additional information.



Participate in the This Place Matters And you might win a new digital camera!

We are continuing to actively promoting the **This Place Matters** campaign of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP). People from across the country are honoring their favorite places, making a call to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter. Show your support for you community and preservation! Take a picture in front of your favorite place with your own **This Place Matters** sign and send us the picture with a caption about why this place matters to you to OHP@sanantonio.gov. Pictures collected will be sent in to the NTHP and included on our website and on Facebook. You also have an opportunity to win a digital camera by

participating! The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Fireman's Fund Insurance are proud to announce the start of the *Summer 2009 Places that Matter Photo Contest*. You may enter as many digital photos as you wish between now and Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Ten photos will be selected as finalists, after which a public online vote will determine the final winners. The photo with the most votes will win the grand prize of a Panasonic Lumix ZS3 digital camera! Each of two runners-up will receive a Panasonic Lumix ZS1 digital camera, and all three winners will also receive a Sandisk Extreme III 8GB SD memory card. To enter one (or more!) images, visit the NTHP [This Place Matters website](#) and use the free photo upload tool. Too often, places that matter to us can be lost in a heartbeat — sometimes even before we realize they will be missed. The best way to save a place that matters is to call attention to it and value it before it is endangered. Thank you for all you do to showcase the places that matter — inspiring others to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to us all.



The office of Historic Preservation is on Facebook! Click the Facebook icon and add us as your friend today! Facebook is a great resource for promoting preservation events and networking with other people in the community interested in preservation topics. Pictures from the **This Place Matters** campaign are also posted on our Facebook site. If you are unable to open the link, simply login to Facebook.com and search for us under "City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation".

Contact Us!

The Office of Historic Preservation is dedicated to improving public outreach and awareness of preservation issues and events in San Antonio. Please contact us at OHP@sanantonio.gov or call (210) 207-1460 for more information or to subscribe or unsubscribe to this newsletter.