

*May 2011 Edition*

### *A Message from the Historic Preservation Officer*



May is National Preservation Month, a month when communities across the country celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our cities and states and showcase the cultural, aesthetic, environmental and economic value of historic preservation. Since the early 1900s, San Antonio has been a leader in the preservation movement and that tradition continues. In celebrating Preservation Month, we not only honor the significant places that contribute to our American experience but also take time to educate people of all ages about the important role historic preservation plays in building healthy and sustainable communities. This year, we're pleased to offer events and activities for school-aged children and high school students. By helping kids understand and appreciate the unique qualities of our city's historic spaces and places, we help ensure that our future leaders and decision makers value the preservation of the places that matter to us all.

I hope you will join Mayor Julián Castro, City Manager Sheryl Sculley and me as we kick off Preservation Month on Thursday, May 5th, at 4:45 p.m. with a State of Historic Preservation Month press event and reception at the Spanish Governor's Palace. Celebrate the successes since last May and learn about the ways in which the City and OHP will continue to protect our historic resources, create public awareness, and support sustainable urban redevelopment in the coming months. Make plans now to take advantage of the other wonderful events and activities planned in celebration of Preservation Month:

**May 7:** *High School Student Infill Design Competition* at the Center for Architecture at Pearl. Students will present infill designs after learning about appropriate infill at the initial educational charrette on April 30th;

**May 7:** The *Paseo por el Westside* event is the next step in our Westside Cultural Resources Survey project;

**May 7:** "San Antonio's Historic Architectural Styles" lecture at the Central Library;

**May 8 & 26:** We are launching the first of our *Go! Historic SA Downtown Guided Running & Walking Tours* in May with a new tour of Downtown on Mother's Day. This family-friendly event is a great way to start your Mother's Day celebration. On May 26th, don't miss your chance to learn about the many historic sites located in Brackenridge Park, including the Upper Labor acequia and dam constructed by early Spanish settlers. Look for more tours throughout the year.



**May 13:** The *Amazing Preservation Race* for adults. Form a team now and challenge your friends, co-workers, and colleagues to participate in this urban adventure race that will take you on a fun-filled expedition through San Antonio's historic downtown.

# PRESERVATION MONTH MAY 2011 Preview of Events

ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
PLEASE VISIT THE  
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEBSITE AT  
[www.sanantonio.gov/historic](http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic)  
FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

<b>April</b>	
30th	High School Student Infill Architecture Charrette Kickoff at the Center for Architecture
30th	Ludwig Mahncke Historical Marker Dedication at Mahncke Park
<b>May</b>	
5th	<b>State of Preservation Announcement and Reception at Spanish Governor's Palace</b>
7th	S.A. Makings, "Celebrate Preservation Month with Infill Architecture" and High School Student Infill Architecture Charrette Presentations at the Center for Architecture
7th	Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society Presentation at Central Library
7th	SA Historic Architectural Styles Presentation at Central Library
7th	Paseo por el Westside
7th	Preserving Our History, a Family Fun Day at Spanish Governor's Palace
8th	Guided Running/Walking Tour of Downtown
10th	Unveiling of Hugman Features Tour on the Riverwalk
12th	Conservation Society Military History Tour At Fort Sam Houston and Randolph AFB
13th	Conservation Society Military History Tour At Camp Bullis
13th	<b>The Amazing Preservation Race Start/Finish at Market Square</b>
18th	Historians and Researchers Brown Bag Luncheon Brackenridge Park
21st	<b>Kids Amazing Preservation Race in King William Historic District</b>
24th	Unveiling of updated Texas Star Trail Walking Tour of Downtown
26th	Guided Running/Walking Tour in Brackenridge Park
	<i>This Place Matters Photo Contest runs throughout the month</i>

**May 21:** *The Amazing Preservation Race for Kids.* This is my favorite returning event from last year. We had a great turnout and the kids had a blast. We are planning even more fun this year so if you have kids in your life make plans now to bring them!

Mark your calendars now and join the celebration during May!

Don't forget that throughout May our office will be accepting entries for our local *This Place Matters* contest. Take a moment to tell us about (and show us!) the places that hold special meaning for you...the places you'd miss if suddenly they weren't here anymore. We want to hear from you!

The many activities planned during Preservation Month this year would not be possible without the generous assistance of our sponsors. This year's Preservation Month presenting sponsor is Silver Eagle Distributors. Our many other generous sponsors include the Emily Morgan Hotel, the Milam Building, Councilman Justin Rodriguez, Councilman Philip A. Cortez, Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros, the Deco District, Guy Chipman Construction, and Phillips Entertainment, Inc. We would also like to thank our partners in preservation including the San Antonio Conservation Society, UTSA College of Architecture, Villa Finale, Downtown Operations, Downtown Alliance, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, San Antonio Architecture Foundation, and Run Wild Sports, for their invaluable support during Preservation Month.

Be sure to check out the May issue of *San Antonio Magazine*. For the magazine's "In the Loop" feature, I talked with editor-in-chief Rachel Benavidez about our public outreach and education programs, the mission of the Office of Historic Preservation, and our vision for the future of San Antonio.

As we celebrate Preservation Month, it is important to remember that preservation is about protecting our historic resources to ensure that our built environment continues to tell the stories of our community but also building sustainable cities for the generations to come. By protecting what is unique and desirable about our city, we lay the foundation for a better future.

I look forward to seeing you in May! We very much appreciate your support.



Celebrating  
San Antonio's  
Treasures

Sharon

May 2011

## ***“State of Preservation” Announcement and Reception - May 5th***



Show your support for preservation in San Antonio by joining us for the Preservation Month kick-off event on Thursday, May 5th, at 4:45 p.m. at the Spanish Governor’s Palace. **Mayor Julián Castro, City Manager Sheryl Sculley and Historic Preservation Officer Shanon Peterson Wasielewski** will highlight the City’s preservation achievements during the past year and speak about the role preservation plays in the City’s vision for the future. **Come celebrate our past successes and upcoming initiatives!**

**District 1 Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros** will join members of the **Historic and Design Review Commission** and the Office of Historic Preservation staff in welcoming the public to this great event.

As part of the celebration, City Council members will present their

entries in the *This Place Matters* photo contest and the OHP will unveil the official City of San Antonio historic plaque. At the public reception in the beautiful Spanish Governor’s Palace courtyard following the ceremonies, you’ll have the chance to pick up your *This Place Matters* sign and register for the May 2011 Go! Historic SA Guided Running & Walking Tours and the Amazing Preservation Races for both adults and kids. Tour the restored Spanish Governor’s Palace and learn more about all our upcoming Preservation Month events. Enjoy refreshments courtesy of Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros and Silver Eagle Distributors.



## ***The Amazing Preservation Race for Kids Returns May 21st***



Join us for a morning of family fun, food, and prizes! Like last year, the kid’s race will be held in the King William neighborhood in conjunction with the Conservation Society’s Steves Homestead and Villa Finale. This is a **FREE** race designed for elementary-aged kids.

Kids with their adult chaperones use clues to solve riddles as they search for destinations in the King William

Historic District. At each destination participants will complete a challenge in order to get their next clue.

Be the first to cross the finish line and win the grand prize. All participants are eligible for door prizes. Everyone will enjoy food and games at the finish line.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The race will start at 9:30 a.m. Click [here](#) for an event flyer.



### ***Race Partners:***



For more information on the Amazing Preservation Race for Kids, contact Anna Glover at 207-7925 or [anna.glover@sanantonio.gov](mailto:anna.glover@sanantonio.gov).

**Get Your Team Together Now for the Amazing Preservation Race - May 13th**



This downtown event has it all: architectural scavenger hunt, trivia questions, urban challenges, and an awesome after-party! **Teams of 4** adventurous adults who want to put their street smarts and trivia skills to the test will hit the streets of San Antonio for an adventure like no other. Registration is \$80 per team. Participants receive a race T-shirt and a drink ticket for the post-race fiesta! Proceeds from the adult race will help keep our kids race free of charge and help support the education and outreach programs of the Office of Historic Preservation.

**How it works:** Each team will have exactly two hours to complete the race. Your team will receive a packet of information, which includes a list of various downtown locations and descriptions, visual clues, as well as a set of riddles that will be used to find your destination. Once your destination is reached, each team will have to perform an activity in order to get the next clue. Between locations, teams will be responsible for performing urban challenges. This information is top secret and will be provided to the teams the day of the race!

**Prizes** awarded for winners and the team with best costume—that’s right, themed teams are encouraged! Registration is open through May 11. No on-site registration. Space is limited, so register online today at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) by clicking [Amazing Preservation Race](#). Download the event flyer [here](#).

**Presenting Sponsor:**



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**Show Us the Places that Matter to You**

Take a moment today to think about the places that hold special meaning for you. How would you feel if they were lost forever? Tell us the places that are important to you by participating in the **This Place Matters** campaign. Organized nationally by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), the **This Place Matters** campaign gives individuals an opportunity to highlight the places that are important to them. Your favorite place could be a neighborhood school, the house where you grew up, a local park, a street lined with bungalows, the theater where you saw your first movie, the old corner building that used to be a drug store, a gas station, or a towering downtown landmark. Show your support for your community and preservation! Take a photo in front of your favorite place with your own **This Place Matters** sign. Send the picture with a caption about why this place matters to you to [OHP@sanantonio.gov](mailto:OHP@sanantonio.gov). All photos will be entered in our local **This Place Matters** contest and posted on our website and facebook page. Winners will be announced in June. [Download your This Place Matters sign here](#) and visit the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) [website](#) for more information on the national campaign.



## Get Moving and Go! Historic SA on Mother's Day – May 8th & May 26th

The Office of Historic Preservation announces the launch of our 2011 Go! Historic SA Guided Running and Walking Tours. We've added new routes this year and are now offering fitness walking tours in addition to our 5k guided runs. At various stops along the route, tour guides will share the stories behind the buildings, neighborhoods, and parks that make San Antonio unique. Runners and walkers of all abilities are welcome. Participants will be divided into small groups according to experience.



**As part of Preservation Month, the OHP is offering two guided tours in May.** Join us on Mother's Day, May 8th, at 8:00 a.m. for a brand new *Downtown Tour*. Tour begins at the City Marina, located at 202 E. Nueva and will include stops at the Milam Building and other sites along the Texas Star Trail, Main Plaza, Houston Street and the Hugman River Walk. The tour is a great way to start your Mother's Day celebration, so make plans to bring the family.



On Thursday, May 26th, at 6:00 p.m. guides will lead runners and walkers on a *Brackenridge Park Tour*. Tour begins at the zoo parking lot on N. St. Mary's Street and will include stops at the Sunken Gardens, the Spanish Colonial Era Acequia, Joske Pavilion, the Tuesday Music Club and Trinity University.

Register now to take advantage of this great way to experience San Antonio's historic sites and get fit!

Each tour is \$15 per person and includes a mesh running cap. Register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) by clicking the following links:  
[Downtown Tour](#) [Brackenridge Park Tour](#)

## Paseo por el Westside - May 7th

Following the February Westside Cultural Resource Survey Kick Off, a *Paseo por el Westside* is scheduled for May 7th during Preservation Month. *The Paseo* will include morning walking tours highlighting architecture, culture, and history of the Westside. Tours will also feature an introduction to surveying historic resources, identifying key architectural features, and understanding the basics of documentation. The event will continue at the Casa de Cuentos at 816 S. Colorado with food and festivities. Join us as we continue to explore the rich cultural history of the City's Westside. For more information contact Elizabeth Porterfield at 207-3327 or [elizabeth.porterfield@sanantonio.gov](mailto:elizabeth.porterfield@sanantonio.gov).



## Unveiling of the R. H. H. Hugman River Walk Tour - May 9th



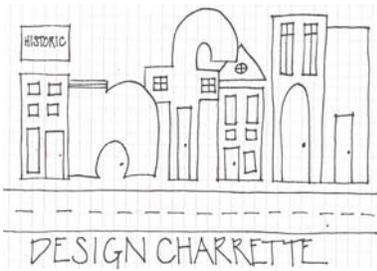
In recognition of R. H. H. Hugman's important role in the development of the River Walk, the City is installing commemorative plaques at original Hugman features. The bronze plaques replicate the architectural seal used on Hugman's original drawings. A new smart phone tour will be unveiled along with other exciting announcements for National Travel and Tourism Week. Details will be posted on our website as soon as they are available.



## ***SA Makings – First Saturdays at the Center for Architecture, Pearl Brewery***

The Architecture Foundation of San Antonio presents **SA Makings** on the *first Saturday* of every month at the Center for Architecture at the historic Pearl Brewery. Each month, a different topic is featured during the hour-long event. San Antonio area building arts firms and craftsman will discuss projects that have made an impact on San Antonio and how their designs have improved the city we live in. **In celebration of Preservation Month, architect Darryl Ohlenbusch will talk about infill development on May 7th.** This event is free and open to the public.

## ***High School Student Infill Design Competition - May 7th***



The Office of Historic Preservation is partnering with the Architecture Foundation of San Antonio to offer area high school students a chance to participate in a unique design charrette.

Although designated local historic districts are protected from unwarranted demolitions, circumstances arise that result in vacant lots prime for redevelopment. This charrette will be centered on the idea of creating infill architecture that could be placed in one of San Antonio’s historic neighborhoods. Infill architecture that is placed in historic neighborhoods needs to follow several guidelines that are directed by the Secretary of the Interior Standards and by local codes. These guidelines and codes focus mostly on the overall exterior appearance, massing, and materials used. This charrette will give students the ability to use these guidelines to create an appropriate design, suitable for a historic neighborhood.

The charrette will begin on Saturday, April 30th, at the Center for Architecture where the students will initially receive directions and materials pertaining to the site and neighborhood where they will be creating their new construction design. In the morning, students will be given the opportunity to travel to the “proposed site” located in the Tobin Hill Historic District. In the afternoon, they will have three hours of work time with their teammates to brainstorm and start developing their drawings. Students will reconvene on Saturday, May 7th, at the Center for Architecture for a lecture by local architect Darryl Ohlenbusch who has experience designing infill architecture in historic districts. They will then have one hour to finalize their presentations. They will then present their designs to the other teams and be critiqued by a panel of experts.

For more information, contact Trisha Logan at 207-7244 or [trisha.logan@sanantonio.gov](mailto:trisha.logan@sanantonio.gov)

### ***Co-sponsors:***

**Justin Rodriguez Council District 7**



## ***Ludwig Mahncke Historic Marker Dedication - April 30th***

You are invited to the unveiling of a Texas Historical Marker honoring Ludwig Mahncke on Saturday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. at Mahncke Park, 3400 Broadway between Funston and Parland Street. Refreshments will be provided by the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association.

Mahncke served as San Antonio Parks Commissioner from 1901 until 1906. He encouraged his friend George W. Brackenridge to give the city 199-acres of riverfront land that comprises a large part of today's Brackenridge Park. Mahncke also designed early improvements to Brackenridge Park and beautified many of the city's other plazas and open spaces. After his death in 1906, Mahncke's many friends commemorated him with a bust by artist Pompeo Coppini, located today in Mahncke Park.

The Ludwig Mahncke historical marker is sponsored by his great-granddaughter, Mary Anita Dittmar Calvert and her husband, James Calvert. Mrs. Calvert's grandmother, Anna Mahncke Deutz, donated the adjoining fountain to the City of San Antonio in 1964.



## ***Historic Plaques Will Arrive in May!***



The first official City of San Antonio Historic Structure Plaques are set to arrive just in time to celebrate Preservation Month! We are eagerly anticipating their arrival, and we know all of you who placed orders are too. **If you ordered a plaque, join us at our Preservation Month kick-off event on Thursday, May 5th, at 4:45 p.m. at the Spanish Governor's Palace for a special presentation just for plaque recipients.** After they arrive, plaques will be available for pick up at our offices at 1901 S Alamo between 7:45 and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Our first order is completely sold out, but don't worry, additional plaques will be ordered on an ongoing basis. If you would like to purchase a plaque for your historic structure, applications are available at our website or our offices. If you have questions regarding the Historic Plaque Program, please contact Trisha Logan by phone at 207-7244 or by email at [trisha.logan@sanantonio.gov](mailto:trisha.logan@sanantonio.gov).



**Comal County Courthouse**  
Free Hard Hat Tour  
Saturday, May 21  
For reservations  
call 221-4057

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AMERICA'S TREASURES

## ***Popular Myths about Wood Window Replacement – Part 1***

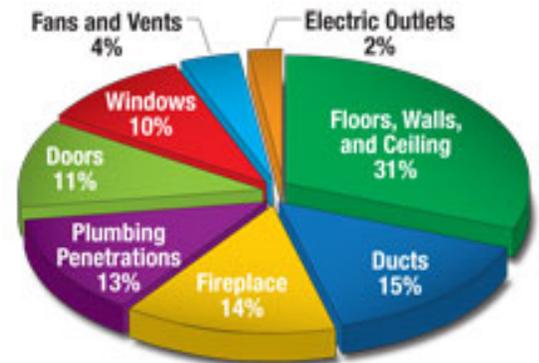
### **The Myth: “Vinyl is Final”**

“Maintenance free” is a popular term used by vinyl window manufacturers; but with a product that is susceptible to seasonal fluctuations, weathering, and constant operation, how can anyone truly guarantee this claim? Vinyl windows are made with stock parts that quickly become outmoded, making them difficult, if not impossible, to repair if a spring or other suspension component breaks (the same holds true for wood replacement window parts). Vinyl is also prone to warping and fading in high temperatures. Want to repair a historic wood window? Tools, parts, and materials can be found at your local hardware store!

### **The Myth: Old Wood Windows = Astronomical Heat Bills**

Replacement window manufacturers will often compare their product to a historic wood window that has not been restored or maintained – a window that fits this description will undoubtedly be drafty and inefficient. In most cases, however, a fully restored, tight-fitting, properly functioning, weatherstripped wood window combined with a quality storm window will have the same insulating properties as a double-glazed replacement window. Other steps can be taken to reduce heating bills, such as insulating attics and floors; the U.S. Department of Energy notes that 31% of air infiltration is at floors, walls, and ceilings, and only 10% at windows:

[http://www.energysavers.gov/tips/air\\_leaks.cfm](http://www.energysavers.gov/tips/air_leaks.cfm)



### **The Myth: Replacement Windows Look Just Like Historic Wood Windows**

Replacement window salesman will often make this claim when the snap-in grids or simulated divided lights in the replacement model match the existing muntin configuration of the original wood windows. First of all, snap-in grids or simulated divided lights have a much different profile than the traditional putty profile on old wood windows, which is difficult to replicate. Secondly, materials such as vinyl or fiberglass cladding are shiny and glossy and present a much different look than traditional wood. Third, installation details for replacement windows typically involve additional framing that reduces the rough opening of the window. Lastly, replacement window glass is significantly different than the wavy look of historic glass.

### **The Myth: Replacement Windows are the “Greener” Option**

With all of the talk of global warming and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), replacement window manufacturers often tout the energy savings associated with their product and that a replacement window is a “green” choice. While this claim may correspond to newly constructed, LEED-certified buildings, the argument that a replacement window is “greener” than a restored wood window is highly debatable. As discussed previously, a properly restored wood window combined with a quality storm window will address energy concerns. A product with a “green” label must also be sustainable. Historic wood windows, constructed of old-growth lumber and superior craftsmanship, will last up to 5 times longer than replacement models, namely because the wood is durable and they are easily repaired. The same can’t be said for vinyl or new-growth wood replacement windows with plastic parts. Moreover, the insulating glass found in double-glazed replacement windows will eventually fail and the whole window will have to be replaced.

### **Look for more wood window myth busting next month!**

Information provided by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. <http://www.uga.edu/napc/>



According to Steve Tomka of UTSA, this Dalton spear point was likely part of a spear hurled with a throwing stick known as an atlatl used by ancient hunters-gatherers. Photo courtesy of UTSA's Center for Archaeological Research.

## ***Spear Point Believed to be 10,500-years-old Found in Brackenridge Golf Course Area***

Protecting our city's archeological resources is an important part of the Office of Historic Preservation's mission. Preserving cultural resources below ground is just as vital as ensuring that our more visible historic buildings and homes remain a part of the landscape. Pre-construction archaeological investigations and monitoring are two measures preservationists employ to identify and protect archeological resources that may be compromised by new construction in historic areas.

Sometimes those investigations can result in startling and significant finds. This was the case when archaeologists from the Center for Archaeological Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio uncovered a wealth of artifacts during excavations for the new hike and bike path being built by the San Antonio River Authority in the Brackenridge Golf Course area. UTSA archeologists found a flint woodworking tool in November. The tool, a Guadalupe adze, is thought to be more than 5,000 years old. Since that time, nearly 500 more artifacts have been found including fragments of St. Mary's Hall projectile points that archeologists believe are 8,800 to 9,900 years old. The most exciting of these finds is a Dalton spear point, which may have been used by Paleo-Indians nearly 10,500 years ago to kill bison and other animals for food. Read more about this important find at [MySA.com](http://MySA.com).



**Please Come  
and Celebrate  
the Rebirth of  
616 Leigh  
Street on  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
from  
1pm-7pm**

**Light refreshments  
will be served**

If you could talk what would you say?...The years have taken a toll on your rusty roof... you still stand tall in spite of the strife...The family you once sheltered, have each gone their way...If the four winds could talk what would they say?...Little house you stand as a memory of those days long ago...You're etched in their hearts, and they will never forget...

Excerpts from the poem "Ode to The Little House (La Casita)" - Connie Caballero Madla, granddaughter of original owner

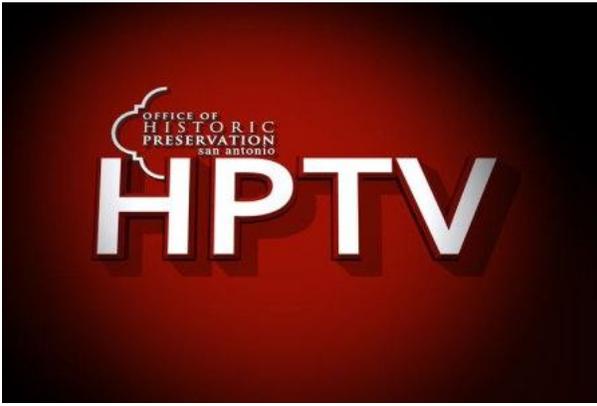
*Little house you stand as a memory of those days long ago...*



### ***Help Rescue This Historic Home***

Neighborhood Housing Services of San Antonio is seeking a buyer for the historic one-and-a-half-story, Queen Anne style cottage at 348 McKinley on the city's Southside. The home was constructed in 1906-1907 by Charles T. Heninger. Shortly after construction, Heninger advertised the home as "the prettiest and most attractive home in this addition." When first built,

many of the rooms apparently featured octagon fronts. If you are interested in learning more about this property, **contact Neighborhood Housing Services of San Antonio at [nreyna@NHS-SATX.ORG](mailto:nreyna@NHS-SATX.ORG) or (210) 533-8740.**



### ***On HPTV in May: Preservation Month and the This Place Matters Contest***

May's program will focus on Preservation Month and how the community of San Antonio celebrates its unique architectural heritage through this nationwide event. Preservation Month started out as a weeklong celebration sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Today, it has grown into a nationwide celebration, with local communities hosting preservation and cultural events throughout the month of May. Shanon talks with Senior Planner Anna Glover about the exciting new events taking place in May and with city attorney Audrey Zamora-Johnson, last year's national *This Place Matters* winner, about the contest and how it can open our eyes to the unique places and spaces all around us.

See the show on:  
**Tuesdays @ 9:00am**  
**Wednesdays @ 1:00pm**  
**Fridays @ 7:00pm**

[View past episodes of HPTV online](#) at the OHP website. (sorry, PC only)

### ***We're on the web:***



The Office of Historic Preservation is on Facebook! Click the Facebook icon on Facebook! Click the Facebook icon to add us as your friend. Facebook is a great resource for promoting preservation events and networking with other people in the community interested in preservation topics. If you are unable to open the link, simply login to [Hwww.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)H and search for "City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation."



Check out the historic preservation blog on the San Antonio Express-News website at

<http://voices.mysanantonio.com/swasielewski/>

**Federal Historic Preservation Issues**

**Provided by Erik Hein, President, Preservation Action**

*Note from OHP: The mission of Preservation Action is to make historic preservation a national priority by advocating to all branches of the federal government for sound preservation policy and programs through a grassroots constituency empowered with information and training and through direct contact with elected representatives. What happens in Washington directly impacts the work we do at the local level: grant funding to Certified Local Governments, Preserve America and Save Americas Treasures programs, federal rehabilitation tax credit policy, etc. This feature is intended to provide information to those who are interested about the status of current national legislative priorities within the preservation movement.*

*For more information about Preservation Action or current issues on the national legislative agenda or for information about becoming a member, visit [www.preservationaction.org](http://www.preservationaction.org) or contact Shanon Peterson Wasielewski at [shanon.wasielewski@sanantonio.gov](mailto:shanon.wasielewski@sanantonio.gov).*

**FY 2011 Spending Bill Finally Passes**

After months of fighting, six continuing resolutions and a week-long stopgap funding measure, the House and Senate yesterday finally passed a \$1.055 trillion FY 2011 non-emergency discretionary spending bill in the form of [H. 1473 - the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011](#). The President has said he will sign the bill, which will set funding levels for 2011, more than six months into the fiscal year, into law. This is a \$39.9 billion reduction in spending from FY 2010.

The fate of core historic preservation programs already was set when an earlier Continuing Resolution zeroed out all funding for Save America’s Treasures and Preserve America while leaving funding for State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and National Heritage Areas primarily intact - with the exception of the [0.2% mandatory across-the-board cut](#) to all discretionary spending programs. Other programs of interest to preservationists, however, have been impacted. The Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) was cut \$650 million to \$3.3 billion and perhaps the biggest cut of all is a \$2.5 billion rescission of highway contract authority, which allows states to assign a variety of federally reimbursable contracts, such as [Transportation Enhancements](#). Here is a chart of several of our key programs which reside within the National Park Service budget:

*Amounts listed are in millions.*

Account	Program	FY 2010	FY 2011	2012
		Enacted	Enacted	Admin Request
HPF	SHPO	\$46.5	\$46.407	\$50
HPF	THPO	\$8	\$7.984	\$11
HPF	SAT	\$25	0	0
<b>Total HPF</b>		<b>\$79.5</b>	<b>\$54.391</b>	<b>\$61</b>
Pres/Rec	PA	\$4.6	0	0
Pres/Rec	Heritage Areas	\$18	\$17.778	\$9
Pres/Rec	Others*	<b>\$45.836</b>	<b>\$57.852</b>	<b>\$42.567</b>
<b>Total Pres/Rec Acct.</b>		<b>\$68.436</b>	<b>\$57.870</b>	<b>\$51.567</b>
<b>NPS Construction</b>		<b>\$232.9</b>	<b>\$209.646</b>	<b>\$152.1</b>

*\* Among the rest of the programs funded in the Preservation and Recreation Account includes the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, some cultural and environmental programs, and grants administration.*

Preservation Action and its partners will continue to lobby for the restoration of minimal funding in 2012 for the Save America's Treasures and Preserve America programs. A [Dear Colleague](#) letter, written by the co-chairs of the Historic Preservation Caucus was circulated during Historic Preservation Advocacy Day in March recommending \$50 million for State Historic Preservation Officers, \$11 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and \$9 million combined for the Save America's Treasures and Preserve America programs. Given the focus on wrapping up FY 2011, we were advised to hold off on aggressively pushing the Dear Colleague letter. Now that FY 2011 has been laid to rest, the effort will resume.

### ***House Passes \$1.019 Trillion FY 2012 Budget Resolution***

Amidst arguing, shouting and protests more akin to Britain's Parliament, today the House of Representatives passed a controversial \$1.019 [FY 2012 Budget Resolution](#) drafted by Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI). This is approximately \$102 billion less than the President's proposed FY 2012 budget. Among the areas of significant debate were broad proposed changes to the Medicare program and a reduction in top individual and corporate tax rates.

While the budget resolution is not legally binding, its primary function is to set discretionary caps, called 302(a) allocations to the House Appropriations Committee. These numbers will then be broken down into 302(b) allocations for appropriations subcommittees, who will hold hearings to determine proposed programmatic funding levels. For a brief primer to how the budget process is supposed to work, check out our [Guide](#).

The Senate is expected to unveil their plan after returning from their spring recess on May 2nd.

### ***EPA To Hold Green Historic Preservation Symposium***



The Environmental Protection Agency, in cooperation with several organizations including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Advisory Council in Historic Preservation and the National Park Service will be hosting a symposium in Wilmington, DE, on June 15th and 16th entitled Green Historic Communities: What Works, What Doesn't, What Should Change.

As part of a broader EPA initiative looking at the intersection between historic preservation and green building technology, attendees will engage in dialogue on key issues, challenges and policy changes needed to successfully "green" historic communities. The EPA will compile the findings into a report and share it with other agencies as a policy guide.

Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, visit [www.greenhistoricpreservation.org](http://www.greenhistoricpreservation.org).



### ***Preservation Bill Monitor***

*When the 111th Congress adjourned the evening of Dec. 22nd, 2010, any bills not acted upon expired. The 112th Congress began on January 5th, 2011.*

*While two bills have been introduced that would directly impact preservation funding, we are tracking this issue via the overall appropriations process. No other bills have been introduced YET this Congress that we are following which directly impact historic preservation.*

Any Bill introduced in any Congress can be found on [Thomas/Library of Congress](#). The full calendar for the House of Representatives can be found [here](#). The full calendar for the Senate can be found [here](#).

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***For a complete update on the status of preservation-related legislation currently before congress, visit <http://www.preservationaction.org/states/archive.htm>***