

# Terrell Hills Connection

CITY OF TERRELL HILLS – JUNE 2010

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## STATE OF THE CITY

The summer season is now well underway and hope you are having a great time. The weather has been wonderful and has been a great growing season for our yards and landscaping; the City looks beautiful as a result. As we near another superb 4th of July parade and holiday I wanted to share a few items about current and future projects in the City as well as other programs currently being planned or executed.

We have two major construction projects currently underway. The first is the SAWS project to replace water mains. This nearly \$3 million project is almost complete and involved the replacement of water mains on Seford, Arvin, Crestwood, Edsel Parkway, portions of Tuttle, Elizabeth and Garraty. Additionally, sewer work was completed in one alley between Seford and Arvin as well as on Elizabeth Road. This project is a good deal for the tax payers of Terrell Hills as the funding comes from SAWS, not from the ad valorem taxes of our residents. I sincerely appreciate your patience with the construction on this project for the past year! Now that this project is almost complete, we have begun road construction on these same streets. The good news about this is that you will not have patches on your streets for a long period, and we are repairing roads that have not been touched in some cases for over forty years! The road construction contract is worth just over \$1 million and should be complete by September if the weather cooperates.

There are several future projects that the City and SAWS are contemplating as well. In fact, work has already begun by SAWS in the next phase of their water main replacement and sewer improvement plan. This project is worth \$2.5 million and will involve replacing water mains in Terrell Rd, the western half of Garraty Rd, and a portion of Geneseo Rd. There will be some sewer work done in these areas as well. This project is scheduled from June 2010 until September 2011, so this will be a long effort. The City plans to do road construction on these same roads when the SAWS project is over, depending on funding availability.

Several other programs have been planned and/or executed this year. First, the City conducted its first ever City Manager 5K fun run/walk on Memorial Day that many were able to experience. The intent of this was to promote physical fitness for the residents of our City and have an enjoyable morning with the neighbors. Additionally, the Crestwood Park has had many improvements including a new fence and improved base material underneath the swings. I would like to thank Ben Surpress for his great work leading this committee. The Geneseo Parkway committee has undertaken a project to improve the lights with the installation of 18 new poles and fixtures with the help of over \$25,000 in donations from residents; thanks to Boo Hausser for his leadership on this committee. This project should be done this year. The City is also planning to install new 9" street signs on N New Braunfels from Geneseo to Austin Highway.

I would like to personally thank Liz Medley for her hard work and dedication leading our 4th of July parade planning effort for many years. Liz is stepping down from the overall leadership of the parade, but will still be a big part of the committee's effort. Liz gave unselfishly of her time and transformed this parade into the best community event in the area. Also thanks to Charlotte Milner for her years assisting Liz with this event. I would also like to welcome Juli Blanda as the new parade coordinator. Juli is a manager for Grande Communications and has graciously volunteered to lead this year's effort (and many more we hope). Thanks Juli!!!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your mayor! I love Terrell Hills and appreciate the great City we have, and I look forward to making it a better place in the years to come.

*J. Bradford Camp, Mayor  
City of Terrell Hills*

## FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S DESK...

The City would like to recognize the following new employees and promotions in the City over the past six months:

**Police Department:**

Skylar Garza: new police officer, hired effective Dec 1, 2009

Roger Mangum: promoted to sergeant

Gail Baham: promoted to corporal

Gilbert Guzman: promoted to corporal

Jose Chapa: promoted to corporal

Benjamin Lopez: new police officer, hired effective: Mar 26, 2010

Michael Barboza: promoted to police officer II

Michael Leonard: promoted to police officer II

**Fire Department:**

Allen Ottmers: promoted to captain

Cody Ashley: promoted to lieutenant

Matthew Housley: new firefighter, hired effective Jan 12, 2010

Rebecca Barrera: promoted to fire fighter II

**Street and Sanitation Department:**

Jairo Castaneda, new sanitation helper, hired effective Dec 15, 2010

Cesar Losoya, new sanitation helper, hired effective Apr 30, 2010

Roger Nava, new sanitation helper, hired effective Apr 30, 2010



We would also like to recognize our Employee of the Quarter Captain Justin Seibert for his outstanding work compiling the City's emergency operation plans and also for planning a disaster exercise with the cities of Alamo Heights and Olmos Park in the near future. Great work Justin.

A couple of other items from the City staff: Due to the recent rains we have had rapid vegetation growth and some properties in the City have not kept up with their mowing. Generally, our residents do a fantastic job with their landscaping, but we have had a handful that are not keeping up. This is a hardship on neighbors and is a City ordinance violation. The Police Department has placed yellow cards on doors as a reminder that lawn maintenance is required. We appreciate our residents and property owners keeping their yards in proper condition.

Finally, I wanted to review Board of Adjustment procedures because we have had some misunderstandings about putting items on the board's agenda. The City must notify residents and advertise all agenda items in the local paper prior to the meeting date. This necessitates a deadline for agenda item requests approximately one month prior to the actual meeting. If a property owner comes in after the deadline for the request, then their item will be placed on the following month's agenda. The deadlines and meeting dates are published well in advance and are on the web site. For your information, here they are as well for the rest of 2010:

Meeting Date:

At 4:30 p.m.

August 25th

September 22nd

October 27th

December 8th

Request Due By:

5:00 p.m.

July 27th

August 14th

September 21st

November 5th

Thank you for your patience during the construction process in our city. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

*Mark Browne, City Manager*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spring and Summer time is upon us and with the season comes a few unique hazards. Before starting up propane fueled gas grills do a thorough cleaning and check all of the connections. Now would be a good time to review the manufacturer's directions for maintenance and use. Propane fueled appliances should only be used outdoors, never in a garage or enclosed space.

We start to see an increase in accidents involving lawn maintenance equipment this time of year. Be sure to wear proper clothing including foot wear when mowing or using string trimmers and properly store gasoline kept for these units. Gasoline and other flammables should be stored in a properly vented area away from any heat sources. Sunburns and other heat related problems increase with the temperatures. Drink plenty of fluids when working or playing out doors.

NEVER leave gates to pool areas open or unattended and store all chemicals for the pool in a safe manner out of the reach of children. Please help us protect the communities Children. Never discard any chemicals in the household trash. They can react with other materials and cause a fire or inhalation hazard.

The 4th of July is right around the corner. Please remember that Fireworks are prohibited in Terrell Hills.

For everyone with a fire hydrant in their yard, I would like to remind you to keep the area plantings trimmed.

The Fire Department is visiting the neighborhood going door to door and offering free home fire and safety inspections. If our fire crews miss you at home, feel free to contact our offices and set up an inspection at your convenience.

## FROM THE POLICE CHIEF'S DESK

With the summer months just ahead, let's hope it is not a repeat of last year. I don't think we can take that kind of heat two consecutive years. Summer also means vacations are being planned. Don't forget to fill out the "out of town" form located on our web-site or come by the city hall and fill one out and turn it into the police department. Officers will patrol-by while you are away.

We are getting ready for the 4th of July parade (which will be held on Saturday July 3rd). The police department will again set up our booth and pass out crime prevention material, coloring books, candy, drinks, and the officers will be at the booth to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

On May 19, 2010 the police department sponsored the first bicycle rodeo at the St. David's Episcopal School. What a great time. All the kids that participated received a blue ribbon. After the event a drawing was held and Wal-Mart gift certificates were given to one lucky girl and boy for a new bicycle and helmet.

We are still experiencing some thefts from open garages and unlocked vehicles. Please close those garage doors and lock your car doors. Remember that THEFT is a crime of OPPORTUNITY. Let's not give them the OPPORTUNITY in our city. The items taken are sold within hours on the street or taken in by pawn shops. Marking your property is a very good deterrent and helps identify the property should it appear at a pawn shop later.

As a reminder, it is a city ordinance that all dog owners in Terrell Hills must register their dogs every year from the date shown on the tag when you first registered the dog. This is done at the city hall. By doing so it helps us locate the owner in case the animal becomes lost. Please be kind and keep your dogs under control at all times.



Congratulations goes out to Terrell Hills Police Sergeant William Foley who on May 13, 2010 received the "Officer of the Year Award" and "The Distinguished Officer of the Year Award" at the 20th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon held by ASIS International's San Antonio Chapter #092. Sergeant Foley is a fourteen year veteran and earned these awards through his dedication to the citizens of Terrell Hills and the Law Enforcement community he faithfully serves.

In closing I would like to remind all the citizens to report any suspicious activity immediately! Try to get a description of the person or persons, vehicles, and relay that information to the dispatcher at 911 for emergencies and 824-1009 for non-emergencies.

On behalf of the Terrell Hills Police Department, I wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Stay cool.

*Greg Whitlock, Chief of Police*

**"Service isn't something we just provide, it's the reason we exist"**

## GENESEO PARKWAY ASSOCIATION

The Geneseo Road Parkway Association is moving forward with the new lighting project on the parkway. The locations have been staked and the engineers are working on the project specifications. Hopefully, installation will begin after the July 4th celebration. Thanks to all neighbors who have generously supported this project! Association dues notices were sent in March. If you have not paid your Parkway Association dues, please do so. Dues go towards maintaining the trees and future landscaping projects on the parkway. All residents who live in Terrell Hills are welcome to be part of the association. Dues are \$100.00 for Parkway residents and \$50.00 for friends, neighbors, walkers and joggers. Please make checks payable to G.R.P.A. and mail to: Mr. Frank Burney, Treasurer, 300 Convent #2500, San Antonio, Texas 78205. A big thank you goes to the city staff who have been mowing diligently!

*Boo Hausser, President  
Geneseo Road Parkway Association*

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## FLOOD PLAIN INFORMATION

The City of Terrell Hills participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. This program is designed to provide the availability of affordable flood insurance to property owners. A requirement to continue the program requires the City to update mapping information and City Flood Ordinances to comply with changes in the Federal program.

In 1997, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) developed a plan to modernize the FEMA flood mapping program. These plans outlined the necessary steps to digitally format and modernize FEMA's operations, raise public awareness on the importance of the maps and respond to map revision requests.

As a Cooperating Technical Partner with FEMA, the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) took on the responsibility of managing the Bexar County Map Modernization program in 2004. In addition to modernizing the Bexar County maps, SARA also took on the task of remapping floodplains that were originally surveyed in the 1970's.

The updated information has been approved by FEMA and Terrell Hills has been notified that the new maps must be in use by September of 2010.

What does this mean to me?

If your property formally was not recognized as being in a flood plain before the revisions, you probably were not required to obtain flood insurance by your mortgage lender. You now might be required to obtain flood insurance as part of any refinancing or sale of your property. Current mortgage contracts may have a provision requiring you to obtain insurance now.

Additionally, there are requirements to obtain a permit to build any new structures or modify existing structures in the designated floodplain. Only a surveyor engineer can definitively say whether your property lies in the floodplain or not.

Everyone is encouraged to look at the updated maps and see if it impacts their property. The San Antonio River Authority has developed a very informational website that includes links to the maps. The link to their website is [www.bexarfloodfacts.org](http://www.bexarfloodfacts.org).

Terrell Hills also provides access to our City Code of Ordinances on our website at [www.terrell-hills.com](http://www.terrell-hills.com).

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## STORM WATER PROTECTION

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued regulations to comply with Federal requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency to protect our rivers and streams from pollution. A significant number of pollutants are washed into the storm water systems which eventually end up damaging our public waterways. As part of these regulations, the City of Terrell Hills is required to adopt a Storm Water Management Plan aimed at reducing and eliminating these pollutants.

Terrell Hills has developed a plan to reduce pollutants in to our water ways. This includes a new City Ordinance that regulates improper connections to the storm water system as well as prohibiting discharges of pollutants that are regulated by the TCEQ and the EPA.

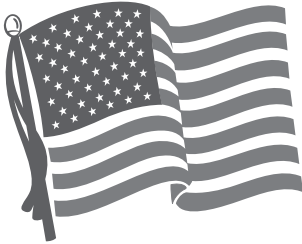
For more information watch for updates on the City's website [www.terrell-hills.com](http://www.terrell-hills.com) and go to the Storm Water Protection link found on our homepage.

## CONNECT NEWS NOTIFICATION

The City now subscribes to the Blackboard Connect system to provide the community with timely information and emergency notifications. The system allows Terrell Hills to notify members of the community by telephone, email, and text alerts to help the community to stay up to date. There is an option to opt in and provide contact information for the City to keep you abreast of what is happening in Terrell Hills. You may also opt out at any time. You can find the registration information on our home page at [www.terrell-hills.com](http://www.terrell-hills.com).

## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!

Saturday, July 3, 2010  
10am - Noon



Don't forget that when you start planning your Fourth of July plans this year to include the biggest neighborhood party of the year: The Terrell Hills Fourth of July Parade and City Party. This free-event will take place this year on Saturday, July 3rd at 10 am and will begin with a parade led by the Terrell Hills Fire Truck, and followed by multiple creatively designed floats, classic cars, decorated cars, and hundreds of children and tots on decorated bikes, wagons and strollers, not to mention the assortment of dog breeds big and small, proudly sporting patriotic ribbons all the while strutting to patriotic music. After the parade, please stay around and join in on the many games and activities we have planned for all ages!

While organization of this year's event is still in its early phases, the volunteer planning committee has already lined up: pizza by Papa John's Pizza, grilled hotdogs by St. David's Episcopal Church and School, Kielbassa sausages wrapped in tortillas, donated by Mike Kielbassa and cooked by Northridge Park Baptist Church, who will also supply all of the soft drinks, water and ice. There will be popcorn offered by Flight Safety Equipment, Italian gelato ice cream by Paciugo Italian Gelato Renaissance, wine from Water2Wine, and other adult beverages.

Entertainment will include a water slide, a moon bounce, a prize spinning wheel, tattoos, face painting, crafts, a four square game set-up and for a new game this year there will be area set up for people to play the hit video game Rockband. Daisy B Clown will be on hand to make balloon animals; Juhl's Field, a local band, will play a variety of music for the party.

Before the parade, we will select two honorary parade marshals, one boy and one girl between the ages of 6 and 12 who--besides each winning a prize--will get to ride in an open air vehicle at the front of the parade, waving to the adoring masses along Eldon Road and throwing candy to the families along the route. In order to enter, each child and their parent must go to the beginning of the parade route (Ivy Road at Eldon) at 9:30 a.m. where a parent will fill out an entry form. All the entry forms will go in a box and we will have a random drawing around 9:50 a.m. to determine the two honorary parade marshals.

In the tradition of past years, first, second and third place prizes will be awarded to parade contestants in the following categories: Best Float, Best Decorated Car, Best Decorated Bike, Best Decorated Pet, Best Decorated Wagon/Stroller, Best Patriotic outfit, Most Original Entry and Judge's Favorite. Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the winners will be selected prior to the parade beginning so that the winners can proudly wear their ribbons and the viewers will be able to tell who the winners are as they go through the parade route. After the parade, the winners will show their ribbon at the information booth at the party, on Geneseo Road, to collect their prize.

We are able to have this festive party every year because the generosity of our community. It would not be possible without the support of our neighbors as well as the local businesses who appreciate your business throughout the year. If you feel that you, your family or your company would like to contribute toward the event, we would happily accept. We are always looking for volunteers, baked goods, or financial donations. Checks can be made out to the City of Terrell Hills, with "4th of July" on the notation line. They can be dropped off to the City of Terrell Hills City Hall, or mailed to Liz Medley, 207 Cross Lane, 78209. T-shirts will also be on sale as a way you can support the event so make sure and buy one of the event t-shirts. They will be on sale for just a few dollars above the cost so they will be affordable for everyone, but this allows us to offset some of the event costs while giving extra recognition to our generous sponsors.

Special thanks go to the following sponsors who have already stepped forward, many of them who have been supporting this event for years.

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Other Sponsors: SOS Companies, St. David's Episcopal Church, Papa John's Pizza, Dr. Kellogg, Water2Wine, Alamo Heights Oral Surgery, Northridge Park Baptist Church, Juhl's Field, Broadway Developments, Digital Music Productions, Vela, Paloma Blanca, 20Green, Flight Safety Equipment and Kielbassa.

The Parade and Party committee, made up entirely of volunteers, includes: Chairman Juli Blanda, 389-5962; Sponsors Chairman Liz Medley, 355-1776; Children's Activities Co-chairs: Rhae Chell Mauze, 862-2528, and Sheila Mayfield, Committee members include David Miracle, Pastor, Northridge Park Baptist Church, 824-0539; Wes Denton, DJ and Electronics Chair, 887-4587 and Leslie McFadden; Volunteer Chairman: Maighdlin Conway 320-3245.

For more information about the parade or party or how to get involved, contact any of the above chairmen or email Juli Blanda at juli.blanda@corp.grandecom.com.

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## **RECYCLING INFORMATION**

### **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

Newspaper, magazines, paperboard boxes (such as cereal boxes), mail, junk mail, office paper, phone books, paperback books, cardboard (must be flattened)

Food and beverage cans made of tin, aluminum, steel (should be rinsed). Unbroken, rinsed food and beverage containers that are clear, brown or green in color. Plastic containers with #1 through #6 recycling symbol on the container, such as milk, detergent, soft drink, juice, water, shampoo, liquid soap bottles (should be rinsed).

### **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

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| Household trash  | Hard cover books   |
| Aluminum foil  | Light bulbs  |
| Auto/window glass  | Waxed milk and juice cartons                             |
| Ceramics: china/dishes   | No Styrofoam of any kind (cups, plates, food containers) |
| Batteries of any kind  | Peanuts or packaging containers that held such materials |
| Yard Waste   | Plastic toys, bags, dishes, et cetera                    |
| Wire Clothes hangers   |  |
| Plastic, glass or metal containers that held Hazardous materials such as Paint, pesticide or insecticide |  |



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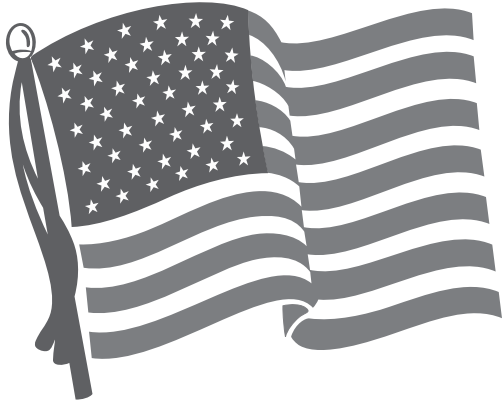
**VELA**  
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**Flight Safety Equipment**

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**SCHEDULE OF CITY HOLIDAYS**



- Independence Day ..... July 5, 2010
- Labor Day ..... September 6, 2010
- Veterans Day\* ..... November 11, 2010
- Thanksgiving Day\*\* ..... November 25-26, 2010
- Christmas Day ..... December 25, 2010
- New Years Day ..... January 1, 2011
- Presidents Day ..... February 21, 2011
- Good Friday ..... April 22, 2011
- Memorial Day..... May 30, 2011

\* Garbage will be picked up on Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2010

\*\*THANKSGIVING WEEK - Mon/Tue Regular Pickup  
Wed - Entire City Pickup

**IF YOUR NORMAL GARBAGE PICK-UP IS: MONDAY & THURSDAY**

Your Holiday Schedule Is:

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday
Tue-Thu	Mon-Thu	Mon-Thu	Mon-Wed	Mon-Wed

**IF YOUR NORMAL GARBAGE PICK-UP IS: TUESDAY & FRIDAY**

Your Holiday Schedule Is:

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday
Wed-Fri	Wed-Fri	Tue-Fri	Tue-Fri	Tue-Thu

**\* THERE IS NO RECYCLING IN WEEKS THAT CONTAIN A HOLIDAY. \***

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