

Avenida Guadalupe Association is Going Green!

May 13, 2008 – (San Antonio, TX) 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.

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Above: The house at 1122 Julia Ross