



Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

January 2022

P.O. Box 12174, San Antonio TX 78212

Meet Your New Board

INFO

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

January 26th
ZOOM

BOARD MEETINGS

Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13 (Zoom)

2021 AVNA BOARD

PRESIDENT

Matt Garcia

VICE PRESIDENT

M. Diaz

SECRETARY

Corey Schultz

TREASURER

Cheryl Dozier

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La Juana Chambers Lawson

Ann Marie Horst

Mary Lib Kenney

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From left to right: President Matt Garcia; Vice President M. Diaz; Members at Large Ann Horst (pictured on phone) and Mary Kenney; Treasurer Cheryl Dozier; Member at Large La Juana Chambers Lawson; and Secretary Corey Schultz.

Matt Garcia, President (he/him)

Matt Garcia was born and raised in Corpus but San Antonio has always been his second home. He is a civil rights attorney with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where he focuses on housing justice and homelessness prevention. Matt is committed to serving and empowering his neighbors and community. He is a new homeowner and recently moved to Alta Vista with his partner, Sara. They can often be found at the Woodlawn Lake dog park or walking around Alta Vista with their dog, Boudin (like the sausage), a rescue from the Helotes Humane Society. Matt enjoys hiking and backpacking around the Hill Country, reading and writing poetry, and rooting for the San Antonio Spurs.

M. Diaz, Vice President (they/them)

M. Diaz is a first generation Mexican-American, with family ties in the El Paso-Ciudad Juarez border, but has spent the majority of their life in San Antonio. Diaz works as a psychotherapist and is passionate about health access. Diaz has a background in community organizing and outreach and their life's work is centered around bridging the gap to affordable, compassionate, and accessible health care for all. Diaz enjoys working on their many creative endeavors from writing to music production and spends as much time as they can tending to their little Chihuahua-terrier mix, Billie.

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Cheryl Dozier, Treasurer (she/her)

Cheryl is an Army brat and grew up at a variety of US and overseas locations. She moved to San Antonio in 2006 when she retired after 26 years on active duty with the Air Force and has been a resident of Alta Vista since 2012. Prior to that she lived in Schertz. She spent another 11 years in civil service with the Air Force and retired in April 2018. Cheryl was a member of the committee to update the Alta Vista Neighborhood Comprehensive Design standards in 2018. Cheryl is the Immediate Past President.

Corey Schultz, Secretary (she/her)

Corey Schultz is not a native Texan but got here as quickly as she could. She was a Public Affairs Officer for both the Navy and the Army, telling the story of the military and its people over two decades and three continents. After retirement and working as a National Park Ranger, she settled in Alta Vista due to the unique charm of this neighborhood. Her hobbies include travel, diving and serving as support staff for a very exacting feline.

La Juana Chambers Lawson, Director at Large (she/her)

La Juana Chambers Lawson moved to San Antonio after a very brief stint in Austin from Richmond, VA in 2013. Seen in O, The Oprah Magazine, Entrepreneur, Forbes, MarketWatch, and other publications, La Juana proudly serves as the Founder and CEO of Tacit Growth Strategies, a management consulting firm specializing in grant and proposal writing, project management training and support, and government contracting. In 2018, La Juana and her spouse moved to their current home in Alta Vista and love the neighborhood. Though neither was born here, they both consider San Antonio their forever home.

Ann Marie Horst, Director at Large (she/her)

Ann Horst was born in Seattle but lived in Europe from Pre-K through college due to her dad's career with Boeing International Corp. She is a dual citizen of France/US and is bilingual in French, fluent in Italian. When she was married to a commercial pilot, she moved around the US quite a bit. Ann has two kids, one just turned 18 and the other is 25; both reside in San Diego, CA. She moved to San Antonio in 2020 from San Diego due to COVID. Shortly after

moving here, she created a free online directory for majority-minority, underserved, and allied small businesses and organizations to try to help them during the pandemic. Ann is a Substitute Teacher and has a background in Education (French Teacher), as well as in international Sales Operations. When she's not working on the directory, Ann is found walking around the neighborhood with her rescue pooch, Josie Mae, reading, or watching NFL. She absolutely loves Alta Vista!

Mary Lib Kenney, Director at Large (she/her)

Mary Kenney arrived in San Antonio to create the National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States (NAMPUS) in July 2014. The challenge of creating a facility and organization de novo was a strong enticement. A native of Michigan, she likes San Antonio except for the heat. Alta Vista beckoned as a home to share with her daughter and a final resting place. NAMPUS is on the St. Mary's University campus and actively pursues community and professional relationships to benefit for the greater good.

Ars Longa, Corona Brevis

Despite COVID's continuing negative effects on daily life, Alta Vista's Arts Committee keeps providing aesthetic and social pleasures to our community.

The Arts Committee is an informal gathering of neighbors who share their time bringing events to Alta Vista. "We are organically grown, and we change every year," said Jen Khoshbin, a group member. About eight to twelve people serve on the committee, but the events are for everyone.

The Arts Committee kicked off around 2015, when a group coalesced to organize fun activities. Before COVID, they had been planning quarterly events such as PorchFest, Neighborhood Night Out (NNO), holiday parties, Neighborhood Bike Rides, Night Out at Playhouse, and expert-led tours of San Pedro Springs Park.

"The energy dipped due to COVID," said Khoshbin, but they still managed to host "Ships and Chips," at the Park on Nov. 7, where neighbors picnicked and sailed boats varying from the sleek and powered to those duct taped with love. "It allowed us

Alta Vista is bounded by Hildebrand on the North, San Pedro on the East, the Union Pacific railroad tracks on the West & Myrtle on the South.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AVNA Help Line

210-906-8617

avna@ymail.com

District 1 City Council Office

Neighborhood Liaison

Martin Calderon

210-207-0907

martin.calderon@sanantonio.gov

North Central Unit Code Office

210-289-4801

Animal Care Services Dist 1

Officer Adán Pérez

210-216-8428

adan.perez@sanantonio.gov

SAPD Non-Emergency

210-207-7273

SAFFE

Officer Ben Maciel

210-207-7413

benito.maciel@sanantonio.gov

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210-207-7410



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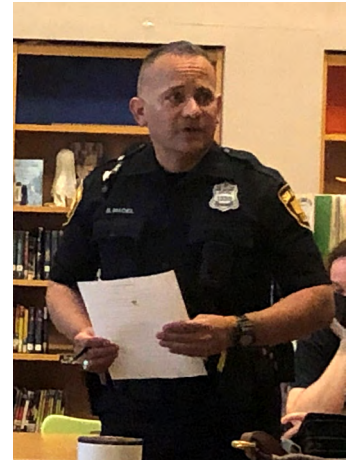
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SAFFE Talks Safety

Did you know that Alta Vista has our own police beat? Ben Maciel is our San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) officer, and he attended AVNA's General Assembly on Nov. 17 to address some of the community's safety concerns.

Unfortunately, crime has been on the rise, primarily drug arrests in the San Pedro Springs Park area. SAPD has responded by increasing patrols and also asks for the community to keep reporting incidents to 311 or the non-emergency line at (210) 207-SAPD. He asked also that residents report persons who appear to be homeless or struggling so that they may be referred to services providing assistance. Bottom line: "see something, say something."



Drones occasionally have pestered residents by appearing to snoop in their windows or transverse their yards. Maciel asked that all incidents be reported to SAPD at (210) 207-SAPD. The Federal Aeronautics Administration (FAA) can answer drone operators' questions at 844-FLY-MY-UA or take calls on drone behavior at (210) 308-3300.

Maciel advised that residents take action to protect themselves against vehicle burglaries. Those attempting car break-ins have developed a device capable of unlocking a car without forced entry. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle, especially overnight, and store your keys 50-plus feet away from the vehicle so that this remote device cannot trigger them to unlock it.

For general crime prevention, residents should consider adequate lighting of their property, including motion lights (very inexpensive), an alarm system, and a surveillance system/Ring doorbell. Maciel stated that police do not monitor the surveillance systems, but residents can register them voluntarily. In the event a crime is committed in the vicinity, you can share your footage with police, which may help in an investigation.

Finally, be vigilant. Know your neighbors, maintain awareness of your surroundings, and contact SAPD with concerns. If going out of town, ensure that you haven't ordered packages in that time period, and request the Post Office hold your mail.

Further Resources:

SAPD Non-emergency: 210-207-SAPD

SAFFE Officer Ben Maciel: 210-207-7413

benito.maciel@sanantonio.gov

More information on SAFFE: sanantonio.gov/SAPD/SAFFE

Drones: Know your rights and responsibilities.

drone-laws.com/drone-laws-in-texas

General Assembly January 26th; 6:30 p.m.

ZOOM ONLY due to COVID.

Use the link below to access the meeting on ZOOM.

tinyurl.com/AVNA-GA-Jan-2022

Meeting ID: 899 0392 8642

Passcode: 660854

Look for the ZOOM info & agenda on our Facebook Events page. You can also email us at avna@ymail.com & we will send you the information!

TX Elections Schedule 2022

Last Day to Register for Primaries: January 31, 2022

Early Voting for Primaries: February 14, 2022

Primary Election: March 1, 2022

For More Information:

bexar.org/1568/Elections-Department

candidate.texas-election.com/Elections/getElectionDetails.do

Attention Alta Vista! Block Captains Needed!

Block Captains are vital to AVNA's ability to communicate with as many neighbors as possible.

What they do:

- Deliver newsletters: Jan, Mar, May, Sept, & Nov
- Communicate neighbor concerns to AVNA
- Be a Neighbor-to-Neighbor advocate

Email avna@ymail.com to sign up!

On The Horizon

Jan 26: General Assembly, 6:30 pm ZOOM ONLY.

Jan 31: LAST DAY to register to vote in the March Primary.

Porch Fest: Stay tuned for date!

Homeless Hotline: (210) 207-1799

www.sarahomeless.org

Large Area Rezoning: The AV Task Force will start back up in the Spring 2022. DSD is finishing Beacon Hill.

to meet on a beautiful fall day while keeping a safe distance. "In addition to events, we want to bring public art to Alta Vista: whether it be temporary or permanent," Khoshbin said. Opportunities exist for the mural on the Fulton underpass, a series of "art benches," and other potential installations.

The Committee is excited to bring back PorchFest this year! Planning meetings are just beginning, and more regarding dates and volunteer opportunities will be announced next month for all who might want to get involved.

In addition to her work with the Art Committee, Khoshbin manages AV's Community Garden at 3301 N. Flores. "All are welcome to plant, water, work, or just relax and enjoy," she said. "We make space for you." San Antonio Community College (SAC)'s Eco Centro (<https://www.alamo.edu/sac/sinkinecocentro/>) supported AV Arts Committee in 2020, supplying wildflower seeds to be distributed among neighbors. "Just turn up your yard's soil, water for two weeks ... and watch what sprouts," Khoshbin described. More will be available in 2022 for the spring growing season.

The Arts Committee is sprouting in 2022. Our next planning session will be coming early this year and will be announced on the AV Facebook page. They would love for you to help plan this year's events. Presentations from naturalists and herbalists at the Community Garden? Cleaning and repainting the Fulton mural? Historical tour of the Springs? Come on down and let us know!

BECOME AN AVNA MEMBER! 2022

Your membership dues & donations go to community outreach & engagement.

Individual: \$10 per year

Couple: \$20 per year

Business: \$20 per year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pay on-line on the [AVNA website](https://www.avna.org) or return this form with a check to:

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