



Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

March-April 2022

P.O. Box 12174, San Antonio TX 78212

The Outlaws and Their Kitchens

INFO

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

March 30th
May TBD

BOARD MEETINGS

Mar.13 (Zoom)

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Outlaws? What else would you expect from someone who used to work at the CIA?

That would be Culinary Institute of America (CIA) Chef Paul Sartory, Peggy Howe, dog Zeke, and a social experiment of farmers, gardeners, and food lovers. Of the three waitstaff, one is a baker, one a painter, and one maintains the premises. Peggy describes it: "We all help to make it all our own." For example, everyone tends the kitchen garden on the north side of the yard.

Outlaw Kitchens has served dinner at 2919 N. Flores Street since 2017. It looks like a house because it is. Formerly a beauty salon with an apartment, the house absorbed six years of renovations from Peggy and Paul. Peggy, a baker and former contractor, became very good at grout. "Treat it like baking a cake," she advised. The address is now a fine restaurant that manages to feel like holiday dining with friends.

COVID hit the Outlaw Kitchens like it did everyone else, but Paul and Peggy stood up to the threat. They offered take away for the same delicious meals that couldn't be served inside, and they took the time to install a new patio with an outdoor bar and misting sprinklers. So the doors stayed open and the patio now has a wrought iron alley not dissimilar to a Parisian gare.



Peggy Howe and Paul Sartory outside the OK. Photo credit Corey Schultz.

"Without our loyal customers, I don't know what would have happened," said Peggy.

General Assembly March 30th; 6:30 p.m.

Mark Twain Library in-person and ZOOM.

Use the link below to access the meeting on ZOOM.

tinyurl.com/yya52hrk

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@altavistana.org & we will send you the information!

Senior Hotline

Per San Antonio Express News, Silver Connect, provided by San Antonio Oasis, has opened a hotline. If you are 50 or older, you are welcome to call 210.756.5551. COVID is a lonely time, so don't hesitate to call if you would like to speak with someone.

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@altavistana.org to sign up!

On The Horizon

Mar 30: General Assembly, 6:30 pm

NEW EMAIL: avna@altavista.org

Porch Fest: May 7

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.

OUTLAWS CONTD.

What happened is that Outlaw Kitchens continues to combine excellence with simplicity. They serve dinner three days a week (Thursday through Saturday) with a meal of simplicity and excellence: an appetizer, an entrée either meat or vegetarian, and a dessert.

Chef Paul enjoys cuisine influenced by France, Spain, and the Mediterranean but has broadened his classical menu to include Carolina pulled pork barbecue with mac n' cheese. It might be a surprise what will pop up on the chalkboard menu on the corner of N. Flores and W. Magnolia or on www.outlawkitchens.com

To know what's cooking this weekend, please email outlawkitchens@gmail.com to join their list. Reservations are required because food waste is eschewed. (The team composts on site.)

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: _____

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Pay on-line on the AVNA website or return this form with a check to:

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Ribbon Cutting San Pedro Springs Park

On Feb. 19, San Antonio dedicated a trail that completed the perimeter of San Pedro Springs Park. Present were Luis Maltos, P.E., Asst. Director of Department of Public Works; Mario Bravo, District 1 Councilman; State Rep. Diego Bernal (TX-123); Homer Garcia, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Hector Cardenas, former president of the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association and longtime park supporter.

“Folks have been coming here for thousands of years,” said Cardenas. “The Payaya and the people before them, stopping to rest and take a drink.”

According to Maltos, the improvements included removing a softball field and parking to create more greenspace, planting 180 trees, installing new lighting, and repairing the acequia.

This majority of the project, \$1.5 million, was funded by the 2017-2022 bond, with an additional \$200,000 from the tree fund. “This is a project you the voters approved,” said Bravo. “This is your project.”

Bravo discussed the importance of the park during the pandemic, as the open grounds give residents a way to socialize. Garcia said people realized the value of parks during these difficult years.

“This is a great addition,” said Cardenas. “Now we hope the next bond passes so we can do some restoration.”



Oscar de la Tienda

Would you like a corner store with a sandwich counter, a shop with unusual beverages and foods, or a local music and arts venue?

Cynthia Gomez has the answer in one place: Oscar de la Tienda. Located on the corner of W. Russell and N. Flores, the site of the former Little Sam’s has expanded not just in inventory but in scope. You can have food, art, a drink, and a side of music all in the same place.

To begin with: art. On Thursday, Feb. 17, local artist Mauro de la Tierra painted a mural on the south side of the establishment. Mauro is a self-taught artist; you can see more of his work on his Instagram [@maurodelatierra](https://www.instagram.com/maurodelatierra) or laprensatexas.com/mauro-de-la-tierra/.

Cynthia has converted one of the store’s spacious rooms into a rotating show of local artists’ work. She uses the same room as a music venue, hosting a recent live performance by DJ Jevonchi, who has opened for DJ Mark Farina at Sounds of the River. The first Saturday every month will see the San Antonio Jazz Society from 11 am – 3 pm. Additionally, Gomez will host a music program. If you are interested in learning jazz bass or woodwind, two local musicians are here to give lessons.

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.

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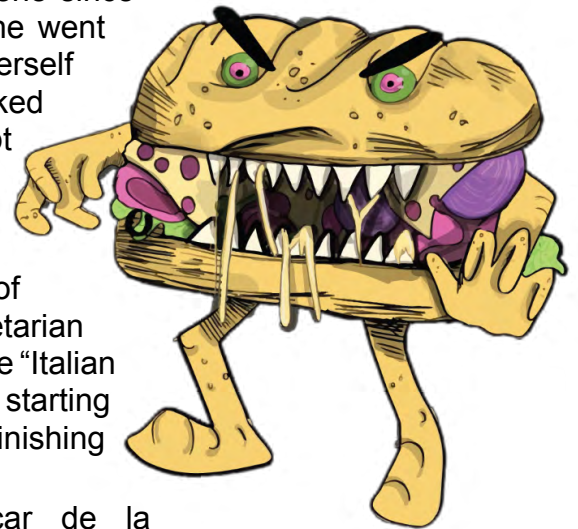
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OSCAR DE LA TIENDA CONTD.

On Feb. 28, Cynthia kicked off “Music Mondays.” This is a film series every other Monday at 6 pm. Films are family friendly, so bring your tribe. Want more music? Movie Mondays shows movies about music. The last Monday in February, Cynthia and others watched Chulas Fronteras, a movie from 1976.

Hungry? Wicked Wich makes your sandwich wicked good! Proprietor Feliza Salazar is a native San Antonian and veteran of the music scene since age 14. Just recently she went into business for herself and operates Wicked Wich Every day except Monday from 11am to 4pm or sell-out at Oscar de la Tienda. She has a rotating menu of sandwiches from a vegetarian option with hummus to the “Italian Hero:” a feast of meats starting with mortadella and finishing with peppers.



Additionally, Oscar de la Tienda hosts a wandering Taco Truck. It's like Schrodinger's Tacos: they may or may not be there.

HOURS:

Oscar de la Tienda:

10am – 10pm, daily except for Monday.

[@oscardelatiendasatx](https://www.instagram.com/oscardelatiendasatx)

The Wicked Wich:

Every day except Monday from 11am to 4pm or sell-out.

[@thewickedwichsa](https://www.instagram.com/thewickedwichsa)

