



Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Summer 2022

P.O. Box 12174, San Antonio TX 78212

May is for Music: PorchFest Returns May 7!

INFO

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

May 25

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Sep 28

Nov 16

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Aug 21, Sep 11

Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 11

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Have you missed live music during the COVID-imposed seclusion of the last two years? Wait no more. PorchFest returns to Alta Vista and Beacon Hill on May 7, 2022, from 12:30 to 7 pm!

"It's a slightly precarious time coming out of COVID," said Jen Khoshbin, Alta Vista resident and PorchFest organizer. "People are still finding their way back to fully socializing, and we feel a relaxing outdoor event like Porchfest is a great fit for everyone right now."

Since 2017, PorchFest has been bringing these neighborhoods together by having six neighbors provide a porch for a local musical act. The acts are staggered throughout time and space, so the audience can walk from one to another without missing a set or a beat. Each set starts on the hour and plays for 45 minutes, enabling transit time to the next address with a comfortable margin to settle into your folding chairs. (See inset for acts, times, and locations.)

Saturday, May 7, 2022
12:30pm-7:00pm

1PM – Erjubeqi (string quartet), 431 W. Lynwood

2PM – Santiago Jimenez (conjunto), 507 W. Elsmere

3PM – Elnuh (indie pop), 633 W. Summit

4PM – Buttercup (art rock), 814 W. Kings Hwy.

5PM – Kevin Nabors Quartet (jazz), 929 W. Mulberry

6PM – The Number 2 Specials (ska), 1021 W. Magnolia

General Assembly May 25th; 6:30 p.m.

Mark Twain Library in-person and ZOOM.

Use the link below to access the meeting on ZOOM.

tinyurl.com/AVNA-GA-May-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@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

May 25: General Assembly, 6:30 pm

May 7: PorchFest 22 (See inset for times and porch locations.)

May 7: Election (Const. Amd. and City Bond)

May 16-20: EARLY Voting

May 24: Primary Runoff Election

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AVNA Help Line

210-906-8617

avna@altavistana.org

District 1 City Council Office

Neighborhood Liaison

Martin Calderon

210-207-0907

martin.calderon@sanantonio.gov

North Central Unit Code Office

210-289-4801

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210-216-8428

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210-207-7273

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210-207-7413

benito.maciel@sanantonio.gov

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210-207-7410

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www.sarahomeless.org

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Individual: \$10 per year

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Colorful Community: Music on Magnolia

Michael Kelly has been bringing music to the ears of Alta Vista since his studio, Music on Magnolia, actually operated on W. Magnolia Ave. Founded in his grandmother's bungalow in 2014, the music school relocated to a former law office on San Pedro Blvd. in 2020. 2715 San Pedro is now where the magic – and music – happens.



Today the studio stands in the noticeable cottage on the southwest corner of San Pedro and Fulton. Why noticeable?

The colors rival Fiesta flags' bold palette. Music on Magnolia was painted by Rudy Herrera, the artist who last year designed and executed "The Last Parade" in Centro San Antonio's Kress Building. Herrera's vibrant colors express the atmosphere found within: creative and expressive of individual style.

Kelly's lessons focus on having fun and jamming with friends. He and his instructors encourage students to experiment with any and all instruments and noisemakers. Music on Magnolia offers not just introductions to the world of music, but also two tracks for young musicians: classical/traditional lessons and a performance path. The classical route empowers kids who may be a little shy or not interested in performing in public to develop their skills individually.

"We take a 'boutique' approach to music," Kelly said. "Some places focus mostly on classical music on piano and guitar, but we also form a community of performers."

The performance path trains and prepares students to play in a band, all while having a lot of fun. Kids' bands form and grow organically, with one young performer meeting others who has complementary musical styles and goals.

"Our instructors are all about performance," said Kelly. "We are gigging musicians who play multiple instruments and have music degrees."

Age is no object at Music on Magnolia; ages two through six can enjoy "Eurythmics," a guided discovery of important concepts like dynamics, rhythms, articulation, and form. Adult students are also welcome, so if you have deferred the dream of Guitar Hero, the wait is over. Whether you are interested in lessons for kids or for adults, the first lesson is always FREE!

Additionally, two free concerts are upcoming: Performance students have a May 7 Recital, 1-4 pm at the Empire Theater; and Classical Path students perform at Seddon Hall, May 11, 6:30-7:30 pm.

For more information:

musiconmagnolia.com

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Got news? If you have stories or photos you think our neighbors should know about, please email coreyschultz75@yahoo.com.

PORCHFEST CONTD.

Half the homes are in Alta Vista, half in Beacon Hill, and PorchFest is made possible by the support of local sponsors.

“PorchFest couldn’t happen without our sponsors,” said Kim Hubbeling of the Beacon Hill Area Neighborhood Association.

The May 7 PorchFest is as much about socializing as it is about sets. It’s a great way for neighbors to meet each other, reconnect in the aftermath of the pandemic, and build new friendships.

“Music and community tie us together,” Khoshbin said. “People need it and enjoy it.”

A big thank you to the organizers Sarah Gallagher, Christina Wright, Kim Hubbeling, Jen Khoshbin, and all the neighbors who volunteer to help make it such fun!



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