



Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

September 2022

P.O. Box 12174, San Antonio TX 78212

A Home for High Art in Alta Vista

INFO

WELCOME BACK, AVNA!

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

Sep 28
Nov 16

BOARD MEETINGS

Sep 11
Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 11

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Residents of Alta Vista may wonder about the row of elegant homes on W. Ashby Pl. that face San Pedro Springs Park, where in an era before air conditioning they were cooled by breezes rising from the ancient water.

The west-most house, on the corner of Ashby and Breeden, has lived a century as home to bankers, conscientious objectors, and students. Since 2018, 615 W. Ashby thrives as the Hindes Fine Art Gallery and Art School (<http://hindes.com/>) and artist's garret to Janice Yow Hindes.

"I love art for itself, and I love it for the people you meet through art," Hindes said.

Built around 1916 by Tom Frost for his daughter Lucie, the house has only had four owners in its hundred years of life. Lucie (Frost) Herff sold it to a church, which used it to board WWI conscientious objectors. While their religious convictions prevented them from combat service, these draftees worked very hard as medics at Fort Sam Houston to heal the wounds of other soldiers. 615 was their wartime home and place of respite.

"The attic was filled with cots and Army lockers," said Hindes.



Large Area Rezoning for Alta Vista

CoSA Department of Development Services (DSD) has begun the long-anticipated Large Area Rezoning (LAR) process. This process was sponsored by former District 1 Councilman, Roberto Trevino, and approved by the City Council in 2017. Its purpose is to address zoning and land use disconnects created when the city transitioned to the Unified Development Code (UDC). These disconnects need to be corrected before the city transfers our neighborhood to the Near North Sector Plan (under development) from the Midtown Plan Sector Plan, October 12, 2000.

In March 2021, DSD asked Alta Vista to form a task force and survey properties potentially needing to be rezoned. The targeted area was W. Gramercy on the North, San Pedro on the East, the railroad tracks on the West, and W. Ashby on the South. In July 2022, DSD provided a list of 204 properties recommended for zoning/land use correction. The task force reviewed that list and provided task comments and questions. Additionally, the task force provided a list of approximately 50 additional properties for review. These focused on ensuring single-family and multifamily properties were appropriately zoned for the designated land use. The task force also looked at commercial properties. DSD and the task force met in early August 2022 to discuss both lists.

Next steps include two public meetings, updating the list of properties, and scheduling a briefing to the Zoning Commission. The goal to complete this is **September 20**. Owners of targeted properties and neighbors within 200 feet of the property will be notified by mail of the proposed changes and will have an opportunity to provide DSD with their input. The final step is to get the approval of the City Council, tentatively scheduled for **November**.

Your Neighborhood Needs You!

The AVNA Board is hosting a barbeque for anyone interested in becoming an AVNA Board member in 2023.

Saturday, September 10
503 W. Lynwood Avenue
6:30 to 8:30 pm

Get to know current and past Board members.

Learn about Board roles.

Learn what issues are facing you and your neighbors, and what you can do about them.

Most importantly ... Enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Johan Coetzee, South African Braai Master.

Looking forward to seeing you!

AVNA Board

R.S.V.P. to: avna@altavistana.org
by September 6, 2022

VIA on San Pedro

Some of you may have heard that VIA has big plans for San Pedro Avenue.

The proposed Advanced Rapid Transit Project (ART) will create a 12-mile corridor connecting the

airport, downtown and the Missions. This includes dedicated bus lanes on San Pedro. VIA is working on creating and approving a set of construction plans. Construction is proposed to begin in 2025, and the ART service is scheduled to open to the public in 2027.

You can find out the latest on ART at:
keepsamoving.com/advanced-rapid-transit.

Want to attend meetings regarding ART? Find out dates and times at: keepsamoving.com/events

Source: satxtoday.6amcity.com/advanced-rapid-transit-project-in-san-antonio-tx

**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.**

Advertisers, we reach 1,200 people and for a brief time are offering **FREE** business card-sized ads.

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



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A HOME FOR HIGH ART IN ALTA VISTA

For 30 years in the mid-20th century, 615 was a Montessori school, educating children in its tall rooms and on its green lawns. Now, with Hindes, the house continues its mission of education –this time in fine art.

Hindes found 615 layered with decades of institutional use --gray carpeting and dining room chandeliers buried under attic dust. She labored for five years, doing much of the work by hand such as cleaning 10-foot-high “egg and tongue” moldings with a dremel, and she restored the house to its former elegance.

So what’s happening at 615 in 2022? Classes and Exhibits! Hindes showcases artists varying from a young autistic and bipolar girl who paints to communicate, bronze sculptors, to Anders Zorn, who created intricate copperplate portraits with a needle. Her gallery (hindes.com/gallery) is open Fridays and Saturdays, 10:30 am -4 pm, or by appointment (210.872.0098).

Like what you see and what to learn how it’s done? Hindes offers both studio classes and seminars. hindes.com/classes-and-schedule. Interested? Contact Hindes Art at: hindes.com/contact.

Anyone. Art is for Anyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Healing Power of Stories:

An Event at the Oblate School of Theology

Alta Vista Residents are invited to spend a Sunday afternoon learning about stories and their power to heal.

Join us to hear from four renowned San Antonio authors: Fr. David Garcia, Naomi Shihab Nye, Simran Singh, Mario Salas

Sunday, September 11, 2022 | 2-4:30 PM

FREE --all details here: sacompassion.net/event/the-healing-power-of-stories

SA Compassion Institute Fellows Brown Bag Lunch

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 Noon-1 PM
Outreach Pavilion at Christ Episcopal Church
510 Belknap SATX 78212, **No RSVP, just show up**

General Assembly 28 Sept. 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-Sep-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! Your neighbors need YOU!

Like what you just read? Desire to learn more intensifying?

AVNA Now Accepting All Volunteers!

Learn more about issues facing your home (zoning changes, upcoming street repairs, tax increases).

Get involved as a Neighbor-to-Neighbor advocate.

Contact AVNV@altavistana.org.

On The Horizon

Sep 5: Labor Day

Nov 8: General Election

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

AVNA Email

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Neighborhood Liaison

Martin Calderon

210-207-0907

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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

NEW SAFFE OFFICER

Ofc. Jesus Hinojosa

210-765-9470

jesus.hinojosa@sanantonio.gov

SAPD Central Substation

210-207-7410

Homeless Hotline: 210-207-1799

www.sarahomeless.org

BECOME AN AVNA MEMBER! 2022

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

Individual: \$10 per year

Couple: \$20 per year

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Sunday, September 11
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

In the Gymnasium



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Yvonne Garcia at 210-733-7156



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