



Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Arthur Pfeil Smart Flowers, Inc. is San Antonio and Alta Vista certified as a "San Antonio Legacy Business". The business was founded in the 1940's by Mr. Arthur Pfeil. Originally located on North Main Avenue just south of Ashby Street, in the 1950's it moved to the current location at the corner of West Ashby Place and North Flores streets.

Looking for a way to set his new florist apart from the other florists in town and catch the savvy customer's attention, Mr. Pfeil named his new business Arthur Pfeil's "Smart Flowers" meaning a wise and smart choice when purchasing flowers. It worked, and the rest is history.

We are still known today as Arthur Pfeil Smart Flowers and often still referred to by many as Pfeil's "Smart Shop" just like Menger's "Smart Shop" on McCullough for fine ladies clothing. Still today, Arthur Pfeil Smart Flowers is a well recognized name that sets the business apart from all the other floral businesses in town.

The flower shop has only had two owners in its entire 75 plus years of existence. Mr. Pfeil died in the 1970's, and its second and current owner, Jack Cross, came from Texas A & M University where he was working on a PhD. Jack purchased the business from the Pfeil family in 1982. Today, Jack still runs the everyday operations of the flower shop, some 40 years forward in time.

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Jack is recognized as



Neighbors Together AT LAST: Alta Vista Celebrates

After two years of COVID-enforced solitude, Alta Vista threw a party on October 4.

Carla and Doug Chapa opened their lawn and their grill to the neighborhood, and everyone from local music acts to McGruff the Crime Dog turned up. Children (of all ages) played lawn games. Elected officials Sen. Jose Menendez and Judge Mary Lou Alvarez got to know their constituents.

The event was San Antonio Neighbors Together, sponsored by San Antonio Police Department. SAPD created this event in February 2020; in previous years, the city had participated in National Night Out. San Antonio Neighbors Together is a chance to get together—and also fosters local police-community relationships and connects neighborhoods with city departments such as Code Enforcement.

The four SAPD representatives, including Alta Vista's SAFFE Officer Jesus Hinojosa, shared crime prevention tips and chatted with the members of our community.

Neighbors Together helps promote year-round community involvement—not just one fun night. Please get involved with our community 24/7/365!

SOURCE: sanantonio.gov/sapd/Neighbors-Together



an industry leader in the state and national floral industry having served as a two term president of the Texas State Florists' Association and recipient of many accolades from different state associations and the Society of American Florists in Washington, DC

In the early years of its existence, Pfeil Florist was instrumental in bringing in the first shipment of flowers by air into San Antonio via the Tom Slick Airways. We have provided flowers for numerous Presidential visits, national and world dignitaries as well as providing flowers for San Antonio's finest businesses and families throughout the city. We are a much sought after San Antonio flower shop by business clients as well as for weddings, parties, funerals and just one's simple everyday

floral needs. It's been said that If you need flowers "around the corner or around the world", Arthur Pfeil florist is the place to go. We are an Alta Vista "crown jewel" business and so very proud to be located in Alta Vista for over 70 years.

On The Horizon

Sep 5: Labor Day

Nov 8: General Election

Check out vote411.org for more information.

Nov 16: AVNA General Assembly

Nov 24: Thanksgiving

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.

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.

Join neighbors to remember
James Davis at the home of
neighbor Mari Flores:

Sunday, November 6
at 2:30 p.m.

429 W. Craig Pl

Neighbors Invited to Remember James Davis

Alta Vista got a little smaller back in July when we lost neighbor James Davis III.

In his professional life, James held an architecture degree from Texas Tech. He designed and built everything from U.S. Embassies in Panama (and all over the world) to ranches west of San Antonio. At the time of his passing, he was restoring a historic home. Always one to share his talents, he also taught in a Technical School.

“He was a phenomenal architect, designer, and leader,” said Col. Joseph B. Schweitzer, president of American International Contractors (Special Projects). “I would easily rank James Davis in the top 5% of professionals I have worked with in my lifetime.”

James freely shared his time and talents with neighbors, gave generously to people who were needy, and mentored others who needed jobs. He believed in giving second (or more) chances to people who made mistakes.

“I have many fond memories of my amigo James,” said Joe Salvador, Alta Vista resident. “We would usually hang out at the local coffee spot, PhiloCoffee and share knowledge of woodwork, world events, and the classic double hung windows.”

James was always quick to offer informed insight on neighborhood issues, according to Erin Zayko. “He always asked smart questions in search of answers to hard questions facing Alta Vista and San Antonio.”

“James was very generous with his knowledge and his time, and wouldn’t hesitate to spend hours helping me with some project or discussing dreams of a future plan I was hatching,” said Jen Khosbin Lewis, artist and manager of the Alta Vista Community Garden. “He had a fantastic sense of humor, and his intelligence and imagination were far reaching.”

To share your own remembrance, please join us at Meri’s on November 6 or leave a thought in James’ guest book: owensmemorialfuneralhome.com/guestbook/james-davis-iii



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General Assembly 16 Nov. 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-Nov-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.

Got a car? Give a Ride.

Do you like "paying it forward" or just have a gap in your day?

Call Northeast Senior Assistance at 210-967-6372.

So many older people need the gift of wheels to get to where they are going, and you can help!

neseniorassistance.org

Donate Blood!

Laurel Heights United Methodist

Sunday, Nov. 13th, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

In the Gymnasium

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