



May 2023

Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter PorchFest 2023!

Alta Vista & Beacon Hill celebrated our fifth annual PorchFest on May 6th!

INFO

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

May 31, 2023

Mark Twain Library 6:30PM or
Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/AVNA-GA-May-2023>

September 27, 2023

November 15, 2023

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PorchFest is a hyper-local neighborhood music festival where porches become stages and yards become venues. We organize a walkable route, with 6 different bands on 6 different porches, throughout Alta Vista and Beacon Hill. Bands start on the hour giving time to meander to the next show. PorchFest is a much-loved event and so full of friendship, community and music!



Crowd at Mr. Pidge, Porch 4
Photo by Rene Duron



Eva Ybarra, Porch 1 - Photo by Nicole Moore

Pidge, The Foreign Arm, and Sunjammer.

Our generous Hosts included Alta Vista's: Stacey Sinclair & family, Desiree Garza, Andy & Amanda Bates; and Beacon Hill's: Kanya Montemayor & Jason Hardy, Robert Owen & Jennifer Ninedorf, Cathryn & Hunter Westbrook.

PorchFest wouldn't be possible without our incredible Sponsors: Astound Broadband powered by Grande, Beacon Hill Market & Deli, Bexar Kolaches, Bright Coffee, Chris Madrid's, Corie Dilley/ Realtor, Cultus Artem, GG's Emporium, H-E-B, The Junction Antiques, Motif Boutique Brokerage, Music on Magnolia,
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Around Alta Vista

Dear Neighbors,
As a cybersecurity engineer, I want to provide some important tips on how to protect yourself and your personal information online. The first Thursday in May is World Password day. Passwords are your first line of defense against unauthorized access to your critical data, such as banking and email. With this in mind, here are three technologies I recommend to keep your accounts secure, ordered from most simple to implement to more advanced.

Two-factor authentication: Two-factor authentication (2FA) provides an extra layer of security and helps to prevent unauthorized access to your accounts. This feature requires an additional verification step- such as a code sent to your phone, or entering a One-Time Passcode from an app such as Google Authenticator- before allowing access to your account. Prioritize 2FA on your email and social media accounts, and any banking or finance accounts.

Password managers: Password managers offer an easy way to generate, store, and use strong passwords. I can personally recommend 1Password or Enpass. This technology helps you to ensure you have unique, complex passwords for every account you have. A strong password should have a minimum of 12 characters and include a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols.

Passkeys/ passwordless technology: Passwordless/

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Other Neighborhood Business:

Code, NCD, Vacant Properties, etc.

AVNA is a voluntary association registered with the City of San Antonio (CoSA) and a 501c4 civic organization. As such, AVNA receives notifications from CoSA and questions and requests for help from residents of Alta Vista regarding a variety of issues in our neighborhood. This is a roundup of some recent activity shared with you for full transparency regarding AVNA activities:

- **2806 N. Flores** - The Zoning Commission approved a request from the property owners to rezone from C-1 NCD-2 AHOD to C-1 CD IDZ NCD-2 AHOD to allow for a wine boutique and accessory caretaker apartment; the AVNA general assembly voted at the March meeting to support the change. The request goes to city council for final consideration May 18th.
- **600 Blocks of W. Woodlawn Ave. & W. Mistletoe Ave** - Starting in August 2023 for approx. 195 days San Antonio Water System (SAWS) will be replacing gravity sewer mains affecting this area. The work is being completed per San Antonio's agreement with the EPA to rehabilitate deteriorated sewer infrastructure across the city. Affected residents will be notified by SAWS of an upcoming virtual meeting about the project. For more information contact Cecilia Picazo, SAWS Public Relations, 210-233-3750.
- **741 W. Ashby (vacant, former Pho Sur)** - Multiple complaints received by neighbors about squatters back in the building after repeated visits by code, SAFFE officers, and the City's homeless outreach team. AVNA has also reached out again to management at The Public Theater, whose plans for the property were put on hold during the pandemic.
- **509 W. Mistletoe** - The Board of Adjustment denied the request from the LLC owner for a special exception from the maximum 6' side yard fence height requirement to allow an 8' fence along the western property line.
- **2301 San Pedro** - New round of complaints about the business at this location related to the trash dumpster being in the right-of-way and open such that food waste trash blows into the street and into neighbor's yards. Complaints have been brought to the attention of code compliance officers and impacted neighbors can also call 311.

Code Busters

If you are elderly, disabled, or low income and need assistance with yard work or trash pickup to avoid code violations contact the San Antonio DSA Code Busters via email at sa.codebusters@gmail.com or leave a message at (507) 401-4031. ↑

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passkey technology is a way to access your accounts or devices without having to remember and enter a traditional password. Instead, it uses something unique to you, like your fingerprint, facial recognition, or a physical key, to authenticate your identity. Using your favorite search engine, search “passwordless gmail” or “passwordless iCloud” to learn how to ditch passwords in your accounts.

Next month I will give some basic cyber hygiene tips and ways to stay safe against phishing attacks and other scams. Stay tuned!

Your friendly neighborhood technologist,

Aracely Macias

Local Business Spotlight - Thrifting Fun!

2021 San Pedro Suite 1 is the place in Alta Vista for a triple thrift and vintage clothing experience brought to you by Thrift Thru, Hyped Goods, and Wearhouse.tx. This smart collaboration makes for an expertly curated and exciting shopping option right down the street—three distinct stores all in one place offering old-school casual and designer variety!

Thrift Thru’s (@thethriftthru) specialty is vintage and secondhand finds from the 1940s to today. Owner and operator Payton Samudio is a professional stylist and avid thrifter originally from nearby Devine, TX. She has fond memories of driving around Alta Vista when she was younger, hoping to live and own a business here one day. You can count on a freshly stocked and affordable inventory, care of Payton’s love for her community and finding and selling beautiful things.



The second shop, Hyped Goods, offers new and vintage men’s street clothes, sports shirts, band t-shirts, designer apparel, and a variety of accessories. Owners Chris and Erik Juarez opened Hyped Goods three years ago and entered the Suite 1 collaboration last year. They are also leaders in organizing local events to support other fashion-oriented small businesses.

The Wearhouse.tx has beautiful repurposed one-of-a-kind pieces from the 80s through the 2000s. Owner Adrian Acosta has been collecting vintage clothing and shoes for more than a decade, a passion that led to collaborating with the other two stores. The Wearhouse’s collection includes graphic tees, novelty items, streetwear, and designer fashion.

In clothing...errr...we mean closing, go visit Suite 1 to give your style some drip!

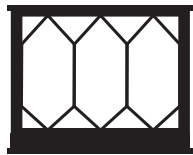


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Paper Tiger, The Rosebush, San Antonio Furniture Finders, Scratch Kitchen, Shana Avery/ Realtor, Stable Hall, Texan Legacy Real Estate, Tree of Life Counseling Center, Alyssa Cedillo, LPC-S, and Web House Bar & Grill

A huge thank you to our musicians, hosts, and sponsors this year! And a special thanks to all our friends that volunteered to make this happen!

- AVNA Arts Committee



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