



January 2024

Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Welcome From the President: Bring Your Ideas in 2024

INFO

General Assemblies
Mark Twain Library 6:30PM

January 31
March 27
May 29
September 25
November 20

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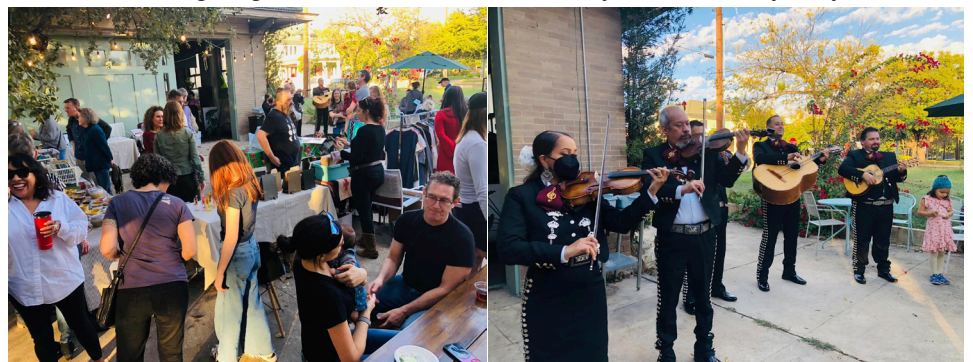
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Happy 2024 Neighbors! It's an honor to be elected 2024 AVNA President for a second time and I'm inviting you to share your priorities at the next AVNA General Assembly meeting on January 31. I first held a board position more than ten years ago. I am drawn to hyper-local leadership because the issues are non-partisan and the effects of decisions related to public safety, land use and zoning, neighborhood beautification, and social events are evident and tangible.

If you're reading this, maybe you feel the same way! Here's a big thank you to all of you who step up in one way or another to be engaged neighbors. The recent Winter Party and Art Market is a great example. A big thanks to Philocoffee, Motif Boutique Brokerage, the Arts Committee and everyone else who volunteered, donated, and came out to enjoy art, live music, homemade cookies, and those delicious empanadas. I met no less than 10 neighbors for whom this was their first neighborhood event. If you've never come out to an event or meeting or gotten involved in another way, make 2024 your year!



Neighbors enjoy the art market, festivities, and great music at the Winter Party & Art Market

At our general assembly meeting on January 31 we'll hear from San Antonio Water System (SAWS) about their plans to manage water supplies to meet future demand considering draught conditions and population growth in the SAWS service area, which from now (2.1 million people) is projected to grow to 2.4 million by 2030 and then 2.9 million people by 2050! How will our water needs be met? We'll learn more at the meeting and also discuss your interests and priorities for 2024. You do not need to be a member to take part in any AVNA event. Hope to see you soon! If not, read on for more ways to stay engaged!

-Erin Zayko

Around Alta Vista

Could You Use a Light In Your Alley?

Vice President Paul Arocha is spearheading a new effort to install solar-powered motion sensor lights at the rear of single-family properties on Huisache and other streets with alleys that are attracting nuisance activity. If you or someone you know has this problem but not the mechanical and/or monetary means to install a light, Paul is ready with his ladder and tools to help you out! You can buy your own light and Paul will install it or you can donate to buy a light for a senior or disable neighbor in need. Call him at 210-354-5138 or email avna@altavistana.org to request a light. You can also donate to this effort (\$20 - \$30 a light) by using the donate button at altavistna.org or email or call us for more donation options.

Food Pantry Update

Support your neighbors, your community, and help stock the Alta Vista Food Pantry! Grab a few non-perishable items and help another family or friend feel supported and food secure. You can do this on your own time, and/or you can join a list of families that volunteer on a regular schedule to help stock and maintain the pantry. The AV Food Pantry is located at the corner of Russell & N. Flores.



Attention: More Drainage Improvements Planned for North Breeden

The City of San Antonio Public Works Department (PWD) Storm Water Engineering Division (SWE) recently completed much needed improvements along North Flores and West Russell. PWD installed a new underground drainage system with curb inlets, updated utility infrastructure, and reconstructed both streets in order to reduce flooding along the roadway and on residents' properties. No more raging Rio Russell!

The SWE received funding for the 2024 fiscal year to design additional drainage infrastructure on North Breeden from W. Russell to W. Mistletoe. The proposed design may include continuation of the underground drainage system, curb inlets, and street reconstruction. A public meeting to discuss the proposed Breeden Phase 2 Drainage Improvements will be scheduled in 2024. AVNA will advertise this date as soon as we know it.



Other Items of Interest - Call or Email Us with Yours - (210) 288-4883 or avna@altavistana.org

- Neighborhood Alliance (D1NA) – Planning on board representation at the next D1NA meeting. This group is comprised of City Council District 1 neighborhood leaders associating for mutual support of neighborhood interests.
- Fundraising will be required to complete the traffic islands at W. King's Hwy and Gramercy. Treasurer Cheryl Dozier is researching a feasible plan to make the project happen so that we can appreciate all of the decorative bricks many of you donated.
- A newsletter block captain is needed to temporarily fill in for a wonderful volunteer on the route west of San Pedro Springs Park covering N. Flores, Hickman, Weymouth, Krempau, and Hess. Another route is also available in the 500-600 block of Agarita. Deliver newsletters, get some fresh air, and meet your neighbors!
- At your request, we're tracking several empty properties and working to address a request to rezone 133 Hickman from a single-family lot to allow up to three units on this very small lot, which AVNA and surrounding neighbors voted in October to oppose primarily because the request directly conflicts with our Neighborhood Conservation District standards. Update will be provided at the Jan 31 assembly meeting.
- Erin Zayko and Paul Arocha attended a meeting hosted by the Captain of the San Antonio Police Department central sub-station. More information will be shared at the Jan 31 assembly, including plans for the new sub-station at St. Mary's and Locust to open soon, and what that means for Mid-Town.

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AVNA Neighborhood Spotlight

Rex Hausmann is an extremely talented painter who was born and raised in San Antonio. He attended UTSA and received a full ride to The Savannah College of Art and Design, where he obtained both an undergraduate degree and master's degree.

Rex has been showing his art nationally for over fifteen years and has had his art displayed in many places, including Washington D.C., France, The Vatican, The McNay Art Museum, St. Mary's University & many additional locations.

Rex started his gallery in Boerne in 2007 and in 2008 moved his gallery to Hausmann Millworks, his family's business, located right here in Alta Vista. Rex is the Gallery Director of Hausmann Millworks, which is occupied by over eighty artists and craftsmen. Rex commented, "The studios are great to work with, it's a family practice & a community environment daily." Rex's parents, Gene & Rene Hausmann have had business

in Alta Vista since 1976. Rex and his family have been very supportive of the neighborhood and many other organizations in San Antonio.

Family, faith and friends are Rex's focus and he has family & lots of friends in Alta Vista! His brother Erik (a past board member) & his wife Dacia and their two children have a wonderful home in Alta Vista! The Hausmann Family loves being in the neighborhood, (Rex and Erik have been in Alta Vista since they were babies)!

I so enjoyed interviewing Rex for The Alta Vista Newsletter; he is very kind, positive and enthusiastic about life! If you get the opportunity to visit with Rex, take it!!

- Lisa Lozano



HISTORIC FAIR

HOMEOWNER

Date and Time: Saturday, January 27 at 10 a.m.

Location: Henry B. González Convention Center (900 E. Market St., San Antonio, TX 78205)

The 15th Annual Historic Homeowner Fair is coming up! This free event that brings together owners and occupants of aging and historic homes with local professionals, services and solutions to care for and maintain their properties.

Free parking will be available



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Tasty Antojitos, \$8 Margaritas
 \$8 Select Wines & Cocktails
 Tequila & Mezcal Flights

Tuesday* - Thursday | 3pm - 6pm

**stay tuned, we will soon be open on Mondays!*



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Cappyccino's



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Good News!

Cappyccino's is now open on Mondays.

Join us for lunch or dinner, craft cocktails,
 beer on tap, and allocated whiskey flights!
 11am - 9pm Mon - Thurs | 11am - 10pm Fri & Sat

New Menu Items

- CRAB RANGOON DIP | SHRIMP ROLL
- PESTO & SPECK HAM BURRATA
- FIRE ROASTED ROSEMARY CHICKEN
- SALMON BURGER | SMOKY CARROT HUMMUS
- 3 LITTLE PIGS FLATBREAD



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