



March 2024

# Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

## Happy Spring! On the March 27 Agenda...

### INFO

General Assemblies  
Mark Twain Library 6:30PM

March 27  
May 29  
September 25  
November 20

2024 AVNA BOARD PRESIDENT  
Erin Zayko

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Vacant (Your Turn?)

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City of San Antonio District 1  
Office: (210) 207-7279  
New D1 Liaison Diana Valdez



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District 1 Councilwoman Sukh Kaur's office has given us confirmation that she will attend the meeting to provide the D1 update. This is a good chance to ask her your questions! Some issues we want to hear about include plans for San Pedro Springs Park and efforts to address what seems like increasing gunfire in the neighborhood. Speeding and sidewalk improvements were also on the list of concerns shared at the January meeting. Bring your questions and ideas on the 27th!

We'll also tentatively be joined by a representative from **133 Hickman** to share an alternate proposal to the one we heard back in October; for those most impacted by this potential project, please ask your neighbors to attend the meeting! Also up for discussion is a potential multi-unit project for **920 W. French** that as notionally proposed does not align with Alta Vista's NCD.

You do not have to be a member to attend any AVNA event and we hope to see you out and about!

#### Other Items of Interest – Email or Call Us With Yours!

- We're looking for an At-Large Director; a big thank you to Alston Beinhorn for serving in this capacity for the last 14 months. At-Large Directors attend 9 board meetings and 5 general assembly meetings during the year and volunteer in others ways that interest them. Contact Erin Zayko at (210) 288-4883 or email [avna@altavistana.org](mailto:avna@altavistana.org) for more info.
- If you could use help installing a solar light to brighten your alley or if you could use help painting over graffiti, give AVNA Vice President Paul Arocha a call at: 210-354-5138. He's ready to help!
- This Summer the City's Planning Department will kick-off the development of the SA North Community Area Plan, which will guide growth and development in Alta Vista and several surrounding neighborhoods for years to come. AVNA is not positioned to be well-represented; volunteers are sorely needed to participate in the planning process. If interested, start by signing up for updates and then let us know that you would like to help out: [publicinput.com/nearnorth\\_plan](http://publicinput.com/nearnorth_plan).
- Newsletter block captains and subs are always needed. Contact Corey Shultz: (904)-378-6328.  
*-Erin Zayko*

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 26 March – San Pedro Springs Park Walking Tour
- 27 March – AVNA General Assembly
- 03 April – AVNA Board Meeting
- 07 April – Alta Vista Sessions
- 09 April - Midsummer Sueño (through 16 April)
- 11 May – Porch Fest

# Around Alta Vista

## Alta Vista Sessions on the Lawn at Hindes Fine Art

**ALTA VISTA SESSIONS**  
Free Happy Hour Music Pop-Up  
SUN. APRIL 7th 4:00-6:30PM 615 W. ASHBY PL



HINDES FINE ART

Join us for another Alta Vista happy hour at our third installment of Alta Vista Sessions featuring live music and a great view overlooking San Pedro Springs Park. Neighbors bring your friends, blankets, and snacks and beverages to round out the light fare we'll be offering. All welcome!

Hindes Fine Art at 615 W. Ashby Pl.

Sunday, April 7th 4:00-6:30

Live Music - TBD

## Please Donate Nonperishables!

Support your neighbors, your community, and help stock the Alta Vista/Community First Food Pantry! Grab a few non-perishable items or help another family or friend feel supported and food secure. You can add non-perishables to the pantry at any time and/or you can join a list of families that volunteer and once every few months to stock and maintain the pantry. The AV Food Pantry is located outside of Midtown Meetup at the corner of Russell & N. Flores.



## Twain's 100 Year Celebration: Memorabilia Wanted!

On April 30th, 2024, at 4:30pm Mark Twain Dual Language Academy will celebrate 100 years in the Alta Vista neighborhood. Alumni and friends of the school are invited to attend to honor a century of tradition and success that began in 1923 with the Mark Twain Tornadoes junior high. Help to tell the story of Mark Twain's history and evolution to Bearcats and now Los Lobos. **If you have any memorabilia** from over the decades share it for display during the celebration by contacting Karla Miller at [kmiller3@saisd.net](mailto:kmiller3@saisd.net).

## Friends Wanted!

The Friends of San Pedro Library would love to have your support this year.

Did you know the Friends have an ongoing book sale? We have books for kids, teens, and grownups, too. The funds from the sale support needs of the library, including staff appreciation, programming support, and furniture. In April 2023, the Friends refreshed the planter in front of the library! It's easy to join the Friends – annual dues are \$15 per



person. There's a dual membership for couples @ \$25. Teen members are welcome, only \$5.00. The library receives \$5 for each membership. You may pick up an envelope at the library; or visit the library's home page at [mysapl.org](http://mysapl.org); scroll down to the bottom, click on the Friends icon; click on the support tab, and fill it out. It's that easy. You'll be invited to the quarterly meeting of the Friends group, and be able to support the work of your local library! Thanks for reading, and we hope to hear and see you soon. For further information, please reach out to Diane Backhus –email [dianebackhus@gmail.com](mailto:dianebackhus@gmail.com).

CPS Energy values your input! Help shape the future of our community by engaging in upcoming events, customer surveys and public input sessions.



Visit [cpsenergy.com/publicinput](http://cpsenergy.com/publicinput) to learn more and participate in the **Rate Increase Messaging Survey**.

## Civic Contacts:

### City of San Antonio District 1

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Kristy Garza, Dangerous Premises Officer:

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Saturday Code Enforcement hotline:

(210) 207-2633

Vacant Buildings Officer:

Crystal.Grafft@sanantonio.gov

### Homeless Outreach Coordinator, District 1:

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### SAISD D6 Trustee:

Christina Martinez

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## Save the Date for Porchfest '24!

On Saturday, May 11th, we will hold our sixth annual Alta Vista and Beacon Hill PorchFest! 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 Beacon Hill and Alta Vista. Bands start on the hour. Each act plays for 45 minutes, giving you time to meander to the next show. PorchFest is a much-loved event and will be one of the best days you have all year - we promise.

We have a killer lineup shaping up featuring some of San Antonio's best musicians in a range of genres. Stay tuned for those details. We hope you can spend the day with us!



## Midsummer Sueño

This world premiere of an adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will play on the fields of San Pedro Springs Park for limited 6-show run from **April 9 through April 14**. The festival will include local vendors and food trucks. Written and directed by Paco Farias and produced by San Pedro Playhouse, the longest-running theatre company in Texas, *Midsummer Sueño*, is told in English, Spanish, and Shakespeare's verse, and is developed especially for San Antonio.



**\$5 OFF tickets for AV residents;** purchase tickets at

[www.sanpedroplayhouse.org](http://www.sanpedroplayhouse.org) and use code ALTAVISTA5. VIP Tables are available on certain nights. Includes event swag, food vouchers, and wine for four. For more information, please email [development@thepublicsa.org](mailto:development@thepublicsa.org).

## History Stroll in San Pedro Park

Bring the family for a walking tour of the oldest park in Texas, founded in 1729 by the King of Spain. The Park has a rich and surprising history of people, activities, structures and of course, the Springs. The tour will start at the library and continue in the park, weather permitting. Presented by the Friends of San Pedro Springs Park. The tour is March 26, 6:00PM - 7:30 PM

## PROPERTY TAX HELP

AYUDA CON EL IMPUESTO A LA PROPIEDAD



Property Tax Protest Help:

<https://mycityismyhome.com/property-taxes/>

Homestead Exemption Help:

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/NHSD/Programs/>



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## Volunteering Looks Good On You!

Contact [avna@altavistana.org](mailto:avna@altavistana.org) with your interests or choose from below:

- Arts and Entertainment Committee– Help plan social events and other fun stuff!
- AV/Community First Food Pantry - Periodically help maintain and stock the pantry (reimbursable) along with dozens of other families.
- Newsletter Committee – Write a neighbor spotlight article or help deliver newsletters.
- Technical Committee – Become familiar with neighborhood design standards and help to gather neighbor input and recommend positions related to rezoning and property related issues.
- Want to lead something else for which you would like neighborhood support? Let's talk!

### Attention Alta Vista! Volunteers Needed! Want to make a difference in your Community? Be a Block Captain!

Responsibilities Include

- Distributing AVNA newsletters.
- Communicating any neighborhood concerns.
- Displaying yard signs for AVNA events.

Email [AVNA@ymail.com](mailto:AVNA@ymail.com),  
or visit us on Facebook [@AltaVistaNA.org](https://www.facebook.com/AltaVistaNA.org)

### DON'T SPEED

Max is 30 mph by law

Max 20 – 25 mph to be courteous  
of families and pets in Alta Vista



# MOTIF

BOUTIQUE BROKERAGE



## PUTTY & POINTS

window restoration

### DANIEL HUBBELING

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## ALTA VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### BECOME A MEMBER

Individual - \$15 Couple - \$30 Business - \$35

**Website:** Use the QR code below or go to [altavistana.org](http://altavistana.org). Click on "Become a Member" in the right-hand column of the Home page or the "Join or Donate" tab at top of the page.

**Zelle:** Use our email address [avna@ymail.com](mailto:avna@ymail.com). Please include your address, email, and names (e.g. Jane Doe or Jane & John Doe, or Jane's Bakery)



**Mail:** Send us a note with your address, email, and names (e.g. Jane Doe or Jane & John Doe, or Jane's Bakery), along with a check to:

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