



November 2025

Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Board Elections Nov 19th

INFO

General Assemblies-
Mark Twain Library 6:30PM

November 19 - Board Election

Board Meetings held via Zoom
December 12

2025 AVNA BOARD PRESIDENT
James Grover

VICE-PRESIDENT
Ann Winer

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TREASURER
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Hey Neighbors,

As 2025 draws to a close and we look toward 2026, I wanted to inform you that the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association is seeking new board members. There are no special skills required. If you're the type of person who is reading this newsletter, you'd be a great fit!

The board meets monthly for about an hour over Zoom and hosts quarterly in-person General Assembly Meetings at Mark Twain. Speaking of which, our final General Assembly meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th. I hope to see everyone there.

If you're interested in joining the board, please fill out the application on our website (<https://altavistana.org>), or see the third page and follow the instructions for submitting it.

Whether you join the board or not, I hope you use 2026 to make Alta Vista a better place. Please reach out if you have any questions about board positions or other ways you can get involved in the neighborhood.

Best,

James Grover
2025 AVNA President
(Jamesallengrover@gmail.com)

Also On the Nov. 19th Agenda

In addition to 2026 board member elections:

We'll be joined by the owners of **2119 San Pedro**, whose recent variance request for a 72 square foot sign rising 18 feet was denied by the CoSA Board of Adjustment, after several neighbors, including AVNA and BHANA, sent letters in opposition due to such a large sign's incompatibility with the Neighborhood Conservation District city code. Subsequently, the Board met with the owners, who proposed a sign that is still 5 times bigger than what is allowed by code. **The owners would like to discuss a compromise with the AVNA General Assembly. Please attend to hear what they have to say and be prepared for a possible vote.**

We'll also be joined by the owners of 602 French (Frost House, located on the corner of San Pedro and Ashby) to hear *(cont'd. on page 2)*

(cont'd. from page 1) about their plans for the historic house and property, as well as their request to rezone to TOD MX-3. We'll hear from our SAFFE Officer and have requested an update regarding three alleged arson attempts in our neighborhood that have recently occurred.

Join the 2026 Board of Directors!

How to Nominate Yourself

Thank you for considering donating your time to your neighborhood in 2026! Elections will be held at the General Assembly meeting on November 19, 2025, and nominations from the floor are also welcome. To nominate yourself, email your • Name • Phone • Email • And briefly share why you would like to serve on the AVNA Board • Indicate which position you are interested in (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, At Large)

About AVNA and Board Participation

The AVNA is a 501(c)(4) civic organization recognized by the City of San Antonio as a Voluntary Neighborhood Association. Our board's work is fundamental to this neighborhood's balance of growth and preservation through our Neighborhood Conservation District. We strive to advocate for the interests of our members and residents by staying informed about a myriad of issues directly affecting Alta Vista, convening meetings, and sharing updates with them. We also host social and educational events to bring people together for fun and fellowship while showcasing various places in our neighborhood. Committees and other volunteers are vital to this work.

The AVNA bylaws establish eight (8) positions. Seven board members are elected each year to serve one-year terms starting in January: 1) President, 2) Vice President, 3) Treasurer, 4) Secretary, and 5) three At-Large Directors. The eighth position on the BOD is the Immediate Past President. Any regular or business member is eligible to serve on the board. Membership is \$15 (individual), \$30 (couple), or \$35 (business). Board members commit to a one-year term, attending nine virtual board meetings and five in-person general assembly meetings, with additional involvement based on individual interest and availability. The association works best when many committed individuals each take a manageable piece of the work and follow through. In addition to the R&Rs below, the board and other volunteers maintain a newsletter, website, and social media communications.

Board Member Roles and Responsibilities

- **All Board Members:** Collaborate with the President to set meeting agendas, coordinate committees, and contribute to activities and communications that inform and benefit the Alta Vista neighborhood.
- **President:** Prepares for and leads meetings and serves as the spokesperson for AVNA (or appoints other spokespersons); only votes in the event of a tie. •
- **Vice President:** Assists the President in leadership duties. •
- **Secretary:** Records minutes of meetings and checks PO Box.
- **Treasurer:** Manages AVNA's finances and membership records.
- **At-Large Directors:** Chair standing or ad hoc committees and support various initiatives.

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Around Alta Vista

You may have noticed work taking place at the **W. Kings Hwy traffic island!** David Van Delist, an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 307, has obtained the permit and hopes to have the concrete work completed by the end of November. When the project is completed in the Spring, it will be renovated to include mulch, drought-resistant plants, and decorative pavers donated by Alta Vista residents. The area will also be ADA accessible. Scan the QR code to donate to help cover the cost of this wonderful gift to Alta Vista.



Last month, the CoSA Zoning Commission approved Commercial-1 zoning for **530 W. Woodlawn**, the undeveloped lot on Woodlawn Ave., next to the former AMB-Trans building. The original request was for Commercial-2, which would have allowed future incompatible business types. We're hoping to see positive activity on that corner!

Join Anna, Elsa, and an unforgettable cast of characters on a breathtaking adventure in the regional premiere of **Disney's Frozen at the San Pedro Playhouse from Nov.21 to Dec. 23**. This magical production brings Arendelle to life with stunning visuals, soaring music, and an empowering story of love, self-discovery, and the unbreakable bond between sisters.

Brats & Brews

San Antonio Japanese Tea Garden
Fall Festival • Saturday, Nov. 22, 6pm

GET TICKETS TODAY!

GA \$15

Pivo & Polka Band +
The Mancordionist
as seen at Wurstfest!

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LAWTON RESTAURANTS IN THE GARDEN

ALTA VISTA RAPID GREENLINE TRAFFIC CALMING PUBLIC MEETING #1

The City of San Antonio Transportation Department conducted traffic calming studies in response to resident concerns about cut-through traffic and speeding near the VIA Rapid Green Line. This is your first chance to weigh in on the **twenty priority locations** in Alta Vista that have been identified from neighbor input and further study.

SAVE THE DATE MONDAY, DEC 8

Location and time TBD
Check Facebook, email
avna@altavisana.org or text
(210) 288-4883 for more info



The Woman's Club
of San Antonio
Christmas Faire
Traditional Christmas at the Mansion

December 2, 3, 4 | 10-3
1717 San Pedro
Lunch served daily at 12
Shopping ~ Lunch \$45 ~ Bake Sale

Special Preview Night
December 1 | 5:30-7:30 | \$25
Hors d'oeuvres~Wine~Desserts~Shopping
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Individual - \$15 Couple - \$30 Business - \$35

Website: Use the QR code below or go to 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. 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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