



# The Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

The next general meeting is on **Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 6:30pm** in the Mark Twain Middle School Cafeteria.

All 2013 and 2014 AVNA members will receive an invitation to this year's holiday party. Make sure your \$10 per household dues are up to date!

Stay current with neighborhood events, get referrals or find a lost pet on Facebook. 175 members strong! Or visit our website at [AltaVistaSA.com](http://AltaVistaSA.com)

Questions? Write to [AVNA @ Ymail.com](mailto:AVNA@Ymail.com)

## 2013 AVNA BOARD

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## BLOCK-CAPTAINS NEEDED

Block Captains deliver newsletters to every home on both sides of their assigned street between San Pedro and the Union Pacific Railroad. That includes the 400, 500, 600 and sometimes a portion of the 700 block. It takes about 45 minutes a month, only 8 months a year, summer months and December off, and gives you an opportunity to get involved in your community and get some fresh air and exercise. It really is a pleasant job and it unites the neighborhood.

To volunteer, call Maricel at (210) 401-6587.

## TAKE ACTION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

The San Antonio Food Bank serves Southwest Texas and puts food on the table for 58,000 people each week. Still one child in four goes to bed hungry.

Our next general meeting is earlier in the month than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday. While we join our families and friends this holiday season to give thanks for our many blessings in life, don't forget those less fortunate. Take a stand against hunger in our city by volunteering, making a cash donation or simply by bringing a can of food (or

two!) to the next general meeting. A representative from the



Show us your cans!

San Antonio Food Bank will be in attendance to share some

information on their goals for the city.

This will be our last meeting of the year so we will be taking nominations for the 2014 AVNA Executive Committee and voting in our new officers and at-large board members. Please consider volunteering your time. This should prove to be an exciting year!

Join us on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 6:30pm at Mark Twain Middle School in the cafeteria.

By Maricel De Leon Stephen

## SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER FOR THE PAT CLAYWORTH SCHOLARSHIP

AVNA and the San Antonio Alliance helped to raise funds for the Pat Clayworth Scholarship Fund on Saturday, November 2nd. The fundraiser included tickets to Les Miserables at The Playhouse in San Pedro Springs Park and a reception prior to the show in a private home.

Pat Clayworth devoted her life to teaching. She began her career with SAISD in 1969. Pat served as president of the San Antonio Teachers Council

and vice president of the San Antonio Federation of Teachers, both predecessors of the San Antonio Alliance.



Mark Twain Middle School

The Pat Clayworth Fund provides a \$500 scholarship to a graduating SAISD senior who

attended Mark Twain Middle School where Clayworth taught. AVNA wishes to thank everyone who supported the fund by purchasing a ticket and attending the reception. We sold over 90 tickets and raised over \$1000. The fund can now sustain the \$500 annual scholarship independently. Thank you very much for supporting this wonderful cause!

By Maricel De Leon Stephen

## AVNA IS HERE FOR YOU

The Alta Vista Neighborhood Association, established in the 1970s, is one of the city's first neighborhood associations. As you know, a united and organized group can accomplish much more than the single voices of individuals. Since its beginning, AVNA led a \$1 million restoration of our San Pedro Library and stopped its closure; worked successfully for a \$17 million investment in Mark Twain Middle School; advocated for flood control; restored San

Pedro Springs Park and continues with on-going improvements; created the Fulton Street underpass drainage and artistry between Alta Vista and Beacon Hill; updated zoning and created the Neighborhood Master Plan as well as the Neighborhood Conservation District and we look forward to enjoying the benefits of the Quiet Zone. These are just some of AVNA's accomplishments. We encourage you to join us and share your ideas for the future of Alta Vista.

We also are here to support you in your individual neighborhood issues. We ask that you let us know when you are dealing with a city or neighborhood problem so that we can assist, support or, in the very least, be informed of your needs.

We are available via email at [AVNA@Ymail.com](mailto:AVNA@Ymail.com) or we can speak to you in person at one of our general meetings. We hope to hear from you!

By Maricel De Leon Stephen

- District 1 Councilman: Diego Bernal: 207-0900, ask for Laura Furst: [laura.furst@sanantonio.gov](mailto:laura.furst@sanantonio.gov)
- State District 123 Representative: Mike Villarreal: 734-8937
- Alta Vista SAFFE Officer: Felipe Santos: 207-4164, [felipe.santos@sanantonio.gov](mailto:felipe.santos@sanantonio.gov)
- San Antonio Police Non-emergency: 207-SAPD, 207-7273
- Call 311 or 207-6000, 7am-11pm everyday for all non-emergency issues: potholes, stray animals, etc.

# We make good neighbors!

ALTA VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
A NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AVNA IS A NON-PROFIT 501(C)(4) ORGANIZATION

The AVNA holiday party is the event of the year! All paid members for 2013 and 2014 will receive an invitation in the mail. Please make sure your membership dues (only \$10 per household per year!) are paid up to date. Our holiday parties are well-known for their good food and fun. They bring our residents together as a community to meet, laugh and be merry. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new neighbors! Planning is underway. We hope to see everyone there!



### AVNA Holiday Party

**Don't miss out on the event of the year! Make sure your annual dues of \$10 per household are paid and receive your invitation in the mail to this year's members-only party. Meet your neighbors in a relaxed and friendly environment in the beautiful and spacious private home of our hosts.**

**Saturday, December 7th**

**6:00-9:00 P.M.**

### AVNA 2014 Membership Form

Please fill out and return with your \$10 check or MO to:  
**Alta Vista Neighborhood Association**  
P. O. Box 15033  
San Antonio, TX 78212

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association is to provide an organized framework to promote, preserve, and enhance the quality of life and values in the Alta Vista Neighborhood.

*It takes everyone's involvement, everyone's opinions and ideas, to revitalize a neighborhood. And we rely on each other. There is comfort and security in knowing and bonding with our neighbors. AVNA provides many services for us but it takes a community. Please consider joining us and getting involved.*



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