

ALTA VISTA

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Alta Vista is bounded by Hildebrand on the North, San Pedro on the East, the Union Pacific railroad tracks on the west, and Myrtle on the South

November General Meeting

LAST GENERAL MEETING of 2014

November 19th, 6:30 PM
San Pedro Playhouse
Cellar Theater
800 W. Ashby

Topics:

VIA's 2035 Long Range Plan, Board Elections, By-Laws Amendments, Traffic Problem Prioritization

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By Erin Zayko

It's our last meeting of the year and we have a packed agenda and a new temporary location (at left). We'll hear from VIA about updates to their 2035 Long Range plan which is heavy in passenger amenities like the installation of more than 800 shaded shelters across the city, service increases, and reduced fares for students. The plan also includes many park and ride and transit center projects.

The General Assembly will vote on bylaws amendments which aim to clarify voting and membership and make board member selection more transparent. The amendments would also allow the use of email voting, when needed, a proposed change for broader member input.

The 2015 Board of Directors will also be decided at this meeting. This year, the Nominating Committee had a pretty easy job to do – no new nominations were received. Spoiler alert, unless there are any last minute nominations or upsets, the board before you now (at left) will be the

board before you in 2015. I must say, it's a great group of hard-working, creative people, who I'm honored to work with. I hope you will join us in re-electing us!

Finally, we hope to have enough time to further the discussion about traffic problems in the neighborhood by prioritizing your feedback down to three, as requested by

our Councilman, who will assist us in potential resolutions.



SAVE THE DATE!

Next year, we switch to meetings every other month. Our first one is on January 28th. Location TBD.



HALLOWEEN WAS AWESOME!

This Halloween saw more trick-or-treaters than last year. Thanks to everyone who participated!

The winners of the spookiest house decorating contest and \$50 HEB gift card is the Zawlocki family on Mistletoe. Their life-sized coffin, curb-side kissing booth, and fog machine put them on top. Honorable mention goes to Erik & Stacy for their spiderweb walkway tunnel.

SPEEDING

The most frequent traffic complaint in our neighborhood is speeding, so be part of the solution!

The speed limit in Alta Vista is 30 mph.

Don't Speed!

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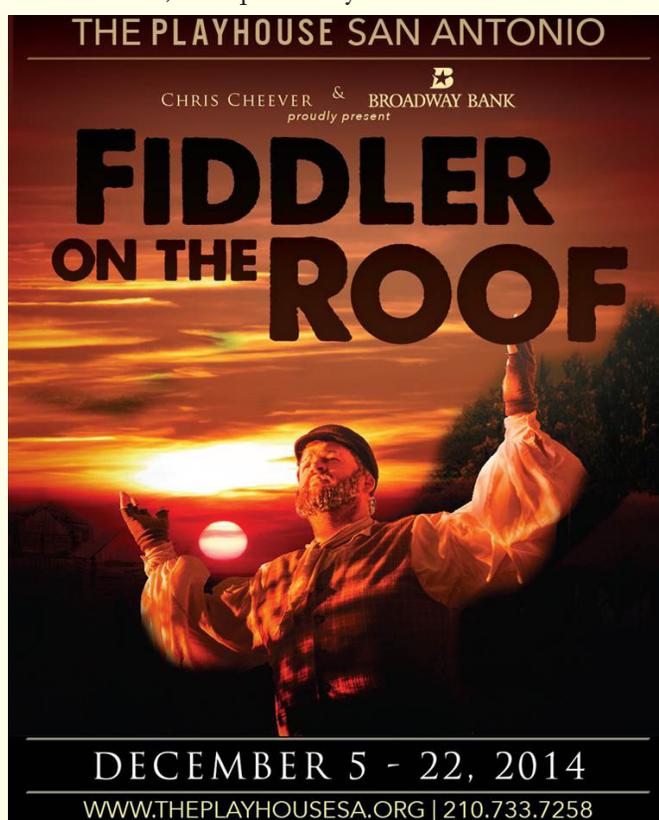
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Peggy Howe
Maricel de Leon Stephen
Elizabeth Allen



Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Holiday Party

A time to celebrate a year well spent with great neighbors. We'll provide the main dish and wine. Bring a side dish or dessert and your favorite beverage.

December 6

This is a members-only event.

The location will be shared with members in advance of the party.

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We Make Good Neighbors!

Familiar Faces - Our Neighbors in Profile

By Peggy Howe

What luck! Just as I was thinking, "Eeks, I haven't had time to interview a neighbor for the Newsletter yet", I ran into Dixie at the Alta Vista National Night Out party.

Dixie Gonzalez, formerly of Dixie's Catering fame, has moved back to Alta Vista after a 3 year hiatus on Canyon Lake. Truly, we couldn't be luckier than to have Dixie as a returning neighbor. Dixie is 92. She is still driving herself around town in her VW bug, drinking a daily beer or two and mixing it up with the locals at a neighborhood party. Trying, I believe, to take the spotlight off herself, Dixie

introduced me to her grandson, Jason. This tactic only partially succeeded as Jason had plenty to say about his gregarious grandma:

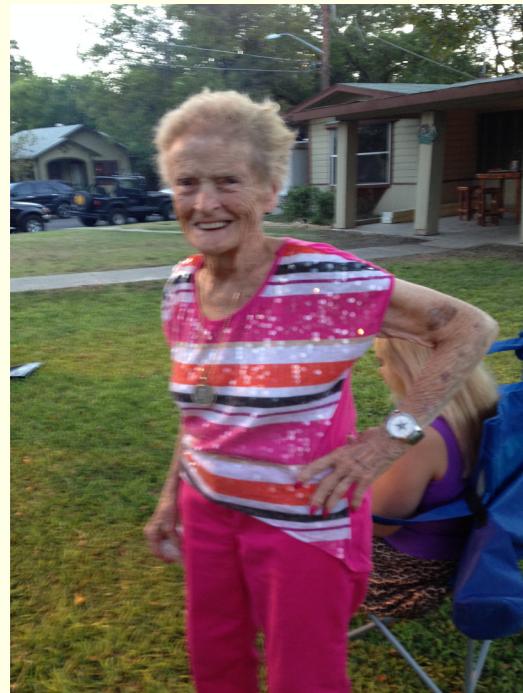
Me: What is the most interesting thing you can tell me about your grandma?

Jason: Hmm, nothing really. Well, I can tell you this. (He turned and pointed at the roof of his house.) She put that roof on our house. By herself... Oh, and I can tell you about the times our high school football team would head down to Mexico after playing a game in Brownsville and she would come with us to celebrate in the border bars.... Oh and there's the 6 wheel 3500 Dually she drives. She can move her 36'

trailer with that Dually better than any truck driver.

Me: As a caterer did your grandma specialize in a specific cuisine?

Jason: Home-made. That's her specialty - anything made from scratch. I could easily sit down and eat an entire pot of her beef stew - in one sitting. It's that good.



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