

# 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  
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### NEXT MEETING

November 18, 6:30 PM  
Mark Twain Middle  
School Library  
2411 San Pedro  
(parking off Breeden)

**TOPICS:**  
**Board Elections**  
**2015 Meeting**  
**Schedule:**

Oct. 31 - Great Pumpkin  
Party  
Nov. 18 - General Meeting  
Dec. 12 - AVNA Playhouse  
Night

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### 2015 AVNA Board

#### President

Erin Zayko

#### Vice President

Elizabeth Allen

#### Treasurer

Alma Noriega-Sotirhos

#### Secretary

Jennifer Khoshbin

#### Members at Large

Peggy Howe  
Claudia Guerra

### Be a Board Member! AVNA Needs YOU!

Interested in lending your talents to promote our collective interest in a great place to live? Consider becoming a board member of the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association. As the official voice of the neighborhood, the Association is notified of issues that affect buildings and structures, San Pedro Park, and more. We plan fun events for the neighborhood, publish this newsletter, and support efforts to reduce crime. New board members will be elected on Nov. 18 and will serve a one year term. Send notes of interest to the nominating committee at avna@ymail.com.

## San Pedro Library - Treasure in the Park

By Diane Backhus

It is my pleasure to invite the residents of Alta Vista to visit their local library. The San Pedro Park Library is located at 1315 San Pedro Avenue, across from San Antonio College. In spite of our small size, we have a very large number of resources, literally at your fingertips. With your library card, you can apply for a job, do your banking, watch movies, and read books and magazines? You can use the Jobs and Career center to write a resume; study for the GED or ASVAB, enhance your computer skills – how about learning EXCEL? Adult and children's movies and books are available for check out for free. Do you want to see all the previous Star Wars movies before the new movie comes out in December – we have them all – in Blu-ray and DVD. You can check up out to five at a time.

Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton offers fun programming each week: Minecraft Monday, children can bring their own Ipad or use one of the Library's. There's Kids



Time on Wednesday for the older kids. On Thursday, she has a chess club for Kinder through 4th grade..

We also have great new teen fiction, and lots of manga. And, if you don't find what you want, we'll be happy to request it from another branch for you.

We are also very excited to announce that we will be starting a Friends of the Library group in the very near future. The Library Friends support Branch activities by hosting book sales to support programs, and purchase much needed supplies, such as new floor mats, craft supplies for programs, so we'll be working on a wish list soon. Once we

get all the logistics in place, we will have an on going book sale, with plenty of great books for you to select and add to your own library. The prices will be very reasonable. And all the proceeds stay right at our Library! For more information, please call 207-9050 and speak with Branch Manager Diane Backhus.

The Library is open 7 days a week. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday- Sunday; we are open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, we are open 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you need Library services outside those evenings, the Central Library is just 1 mile away. The Landa Library is about 2 miles away. ★

## AVNA Playhouse Night: A Christmas Carol

By Elizabeth Allen

Tiny Tim tug at your heart? Or is it more a matter of Ebenezer's greed singing to your inner Scrooge? Either way you and your family can get their Christmas Carol fix and party in the neighborhood Dec. 12 if you buy tickets through AVNA at altavistasa.org.

Yes, we had so much fun we're doing it again. This year our friends and partners at The Playhouse in San Pedro Park are once again generously hosting AVNA night, giving us exclusive access to a heav-



only host of good seats for the holidays.

Buy your tickets through us at altavistasa.org and a few dollars will go toward the neighborhood association, AND you will be invited to pick up your ticket the night of the show in a beautiful neighborhood home at a pre-show

holiday reception. Don't limit it to the 'hood - bring in friends, cousins, nieces and nephews from everywhere to show off what a great place this is, and to enjoy The Playhouse's production of the classic Dickens tale, told a little differently.

You won't know which you'll love more, the party or the play. But you don't have to choose! You live HERE! :) ★

## Alta Vista Halloween Fun!

**Annual Alta Vista Great Pumpkin Halloween Party**  
**Halloween Night @ Press Coffee (606 W French)**

Trick-or-treat first and then come join us  
Bring blanket and your CANDY!

Light Drinks and Popcorn available.

Kid's Activities at 7PM  
Movie starts at 8PM (30 min short film)

**FREE!**

# ALTA VISTA

## -A Neighborhood Conservation District-

### We Make Good Neighbors!

## Familiar Faces - Our Neighbors in Profile

by Peggy Howe

Brilliant. I needed to get out of the house. (The tumbleweeds of dog hair in every corner were making me feel blue - way too blue to vacuum.)

And I needed wifi. (I figured I would get more work done if I had a scone in one hand.)

So off I headed to Hearthstone Bakery Cafe.

Located on McCullough just south of the roundabout, this spiffy little cafe was just the ticket.

As I was also there to interview our neighbor Jason VandeBerg, the owner of Hearthstone Bakery Cafe, I thought I better test the wares. You know, in order to write an informed opinion. So, in the interests of our readership I ordered the cranberry muffin and the bran muffin and the cheese danish and (be-

cause I'm on a low carb, gluten free diet) the scrambled egg bowl with crispy bacon, cheddar and sour cream.

Yum.

Jason, an attendee of San Antonio's Clark High School is a UT Austin alum with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. In a bit of a turn around, he later graduated from the Western Culinary Institute of Portland, Oregon. Jason started his culinary career working as a pastry chef for upscale hotels in Austin and on the Riverwalk. Then he decided to venture out on his own and in 2006 opened Hearthstone Bakery Cafe at the Forum. Three weeks later his first daughter was born! In 2010 he opened his second Hearthstone Bakery Cafe in Olmos Park. Some people never learn. His second daughter was born as he was signing the lease!

Hearthstone has won awards for "Best Sandwich" and "Most Affordable Eats" from San Antonio Magazine and the Channel 4 viewers poll.

As Jason put it: They are an upscale sandwich/coffee shop/bakery rolled into one run by a local family of employees. Their mission statement is to provide customers with the best 30 minutes of their day.

The five year mark is a definitive moment in the life of a restaurateur. If you can stay alive that long, you're going to make it. Hearthstone Bakery Cafe has made it. All you have to do is go and eat it.



Jason VandeBerg, Hearthstone Bakery Cafe



**AVNA 2016 Membership Form**

**Individual - \$10/year**  
**Business - \$20/year (includes one business card sized ad in newsletter for one month)**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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