

# 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  
PO Box 15033 • San Antonio TX • 78212

### NEXT MEETING

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

**TOPICS:**  
**Bond Planning**  
**Board Elections**

### 2015 Meeting Schedule:

Nov. 18 - General Meeting  
Dec. 12 - AVNA Playhouse  
Night

### CONTACT US

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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

### Advertising Volunteer Needed

Frequent local business? Like to meet new people? We're looking for a volunteer in 2016 to carry on with our successful business membership and advertising efforts. For more info: [avna@ymail.com](mailto:avna@ymail.com).

### SAFFE Officer Contact

Have a non-emergency neighborhood public safety concern? Contact our SAFFE Officer, Brian Bigler: (210) 219-0184, or [brian.bigler@sanantonio.gov](mailto:brian.bigler@sanantonio.gov).

### SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit in Alta Vista is 30mph. Don't speed!

## Bond Planning & Board Elections

By *Erin Zayko*

Join us on Nov. 18 for our last meeting of the year to look forward to the year 2022, which marks the end of the next bond cycle. What local projects might we ask for now to see then? Believe it or not, planning for the 2017-2022 bond cycle has already started, so come to the meeting with your ideas for desirable neighborhood projects. We'll also recap past ideas like improvements to San Pedro Park enshrined in the Park Master Plan, safer pedestrian crossings around the Park, speeding, and improvements to Woodlawn Ave. Outcomes will be shared with Councilman Trevino and City leaders.

Bond Programs offer perhaps the best chance to realize larger scale projects, so let's get our ideas in on the ground floor!

The 2016 Board of Directors will also be decided at this meeting. This year, the Nominating Committee has received interest from the following candidates: Erin Zayko, President; Claudia Guerra, Vice President; Alma Noriega-Sotirhos, Treasurer; Elizabeth Allen, At-large; Nancy Van Delist, At-large; Luke Freeman, TBD; Krystal Jones, TBD; and Mike Wickersham, At-Large. Additional nominations will be accepted at the meeting. Please join us to vote-in a new set of lead-

ers and to thank outgoing members Peggy Howe, Jennifer Khoshbin and Maricel De Leon Stephen for lending their talents to the neighborhood.

Finally, please join us Dec. 12th for the ANVA theater night fundraiser featuring a holiday cocktail reception at a new location before a short stroll with neighbors to the Playhouse in San Pedro Park to enjoy a new take on an old classic, "A Christmas Carol." Tickets are \$35 at [altavistasa.com](http://altavistasa.com), or contact [avna@ymail.com](mailto:avna@ymail.com) to pay by check. Next year we hope to return to our regular Holiday Party format, once financial uncertainty from the QZ lawsuit is no more. ★

# AVNA Playhouse Night & Holiday Reception

Buy tickets through AVNA (\$35 each) to see "A Christmas Carol" at The Playhouse in San Pedro Park on **Saturday, December 12.**

The Playhouse presents a brand new retelling of Charles Dickens' classic story of redemption. Artists Tony Ciaravino and Tim Hedgepeth bring a bold voice to the tale of Mr. Scrooge and his lessons in life and the spirit of love.



Pick up your tickets at a private reception at a new members' house before the show, and then stroll with your friends two blocks to the theater. **Proceeds benefit AVNA.**

SAN PEDRO PLAYHOUSE

Purchase tickets at [altavistasa.com](http://altavistasa.com)

# ALTA VISTA

## -A Neighborhood Conservation District-

### We Make Good Neighbors!

### Familiar Faces - Our Neighbors in Profile

by Peggy Howe

Here's a story for you. Come December, Karen Celovsky, proprietor of the new antique store, Collective Soul's Home Interiors, will have been married four times!

Her first husband, Drew Celovsky, who just happens to also be her second, third and soon to be fourth husband (they're re-kindling their vows in December), is a man who knows how to woo.

Twenty five years ago he spots Karen as they are both driving past the St. George Gorge in Utah. She's cute and has Texas plates just like his. He cajoles her into rolling down her window so he can introduce himself as a fellow Texan. He then proceeds to follow her into town where they are both staying while working as supervisors on an oil and gas project. He sees that she is having trouble booking a room in the sold out tourist

town of St. George and steps in to make up a whopping lie about being brother and sister meeting elderly parents for a visit. He succeeds in procuring rooms for both of them. (I guess the elderly parents had to fend for themselves.)

Does it end there? Nooooo. Hours later there is a knock at her door. Drew, unannounced, has arrived with hot pizza in hand - their first date.

They married three weeks later on the top of Mt. Zion, Utah with only a bible and their exchanged vows to officiate.

Karen's grandmother upon hearing the good news was less than thrilled and strongly suggested they try again. Chagrined, they took her advice and headed to Las Vegas.

Again, Granny was not impressed. It took a few years but after the passing of Karen's Grandmother, they decided in her honor to give it another go. They were married for the third time and this time officially blessed by the Catholic Church on

Granny's birthday at The Holy Name of San Antonio, February 2, 2002.

P.S. Karen's store, Collective Soul's Home Interiors, is located at the corner of San Pedro and Mulberry. It has an impressive inventory of original paintings, one-of-a-kind finds (think 1895 Everitt Piano) and furniture ranging from primitive to country french.



*Karen Celovsky, owner, admires some her wares*

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**Phone(s):** **Email(s):**

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