

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 16, 6:30 PM
 Mark Twain Middle School Library

TOPICS:

- Board Elections
- Visit with San Antonio College President
- Mural Committee
- Property Tax Update

2016 Meeting Schedule

Nov. 16- General Meeting
 Dec - Holiday Party, TBD

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2016 AVNA Board

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 Erin Zayko

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 Alma Noriega-Sotirhos

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 Vanessa Russell-Evans

MEMBERS AT LARGE
 Elizabeth Allen
 Luke Freeman
 Mike Wickersham
 Tino Gallegos

Welcome to our new interim board members Vanessa Russell-Evans and Tino Gallegos!

Become a Member!

This is a great time to become a member of the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association. Sign-up now, and you get to vote in the November 16 new officers election. Even better, you get to attend the Holiday Party which is always a fun event.

Signing up is easy, just pay online at altavistasa.com or fill out the form on the back page. You can mail it or bring it to our general membership meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE AVNA BOARD

November is election month, not just at the national level, but here at the very local level. A new slate of AVNA board candidates will be presented to the November 16 general assembly. If you think you might be interested in serving on the board, but didn't fill out a questionnaire, don't worry as nominations from the floor will be considered.

A nominating committee has been formed and will be reviewing applications in advance of the November 16 meeting. Maybe you aren't ready for a board position but would like to contribute to the future of Alta Vista? There are

many ways to help, including committee work and just pitching in on the occasional neighborhood event. The nominating committee is open to ideas and creative thinking so don't hesitate to communicate your skills and pie-in-the-sky thinking. Alta Vista was developed as an eclectic, forward thinking neighborhood, so everyone's brilliant talent has a niche in its future.

At the September general assembly, the membership voted to send letters of support for bond funding requests being made for San Pedro Park and the San Pedro Park Playhouse. We encourage all Alta Vista residents to attend any of the

numerous public meetings that will be held through the end of November.

The bond program will dovetail with the SA Tomorrow plan which will have direct impact on Alta Vista. The bonds include a new category for neighborhoods that focuses on affordable housing. Alta Vista is not one of the areas targeted for the funding, but Five Points is. Reciprocal effects could ripple out to Alta Vista's housing in the form of increased attention for development. The AVNA board will continually update membership as both plans move forward.



Code Violations?

Did you know that you can report any code violations directly to the City? If you think someone's fence is too high, or spot work done without a permit, you can report the issue online at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/GetConnected/Services.aspx> or call 311.

Vacant Building Registry Coming to Alta Vista

On September 15, City Council voted unanimously to expand the geographical area of the city's Vacant Building Registration program. Previously, the program only applied to historic districts and landmarks. Now, Alta Vista and other neighborhoods, as requested by City Council, will receive the benefit of the program. Previously, the program was mainly meant for historic districts, historic landmarks, and a radius around military bases. The intent of the registry is to

ensure that property owners of vacant buildings properly maintain the structures they own, so buildings don't become a nuisance. At the September 28 AVNA general meeting, there was a lengthy discussion about a vacant property on W. Kings Hwy and the unsavory behavior the neglected property attracts. Under the vacant building program, the owner of this property will be required to maintain the property to be compliant with code and maintenance requirements.

In addition to regular code officers, the vacant building registry will have special officers dedicated to identifying and monitoring vacant properties. The AVNA has extended an invitation to the director of the program to attend our January meeting, the month that the program will go into effect in AVNA. More information about the program may be found here: <https://www.sanantonio.gov/vacant-building>.



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We're sure that like us, you've watched the amazing transformation of the "Firestone" building on North Flores with great anticipation. Originally called the Community Service building, this structure has gone through an amazing restoration. Stayed tuned to next month's newsletter for a story on how this great work transpired. In the meantime, here's a "before" picture to remind us of just how far this building has come.

DISCOVER THE ARTISTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY. SUPPORT OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS.



About the piece

"Lautner Sconce" hand-crafted light sconce made of powder-coated steel, torch painted copper, verde patina brass, and glass. This is one of a group of sconces named after prominent mid-century architects the artist admires. For more information, visit www.thesconcequeen.com

About the artist

Dale Jensen has always made things with her hands, and enjoys working with just about any material. When a friend asked her to design and make metal sconces for his B&B, she dove in feet first. Dale now has a line of sconces that sell nationally. She also makes, on a custom-order basis: mirror frames, tables, cabinet door panels, and other architectural elements. Dale is a member of the Fiber Artists of San Antonio, the local chapter of the American Sewing Guild and occasionally teaches at the Southwest School of Art.

Local Resident and Realtor Camille Rodriguez Brigant is dedicated to supporting the arts in our community. Camille specializes in the marketing and selling of historic properties. Historic homes require a Realtor who understands how to accurately price each unique property and market to specialized buyers.

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