

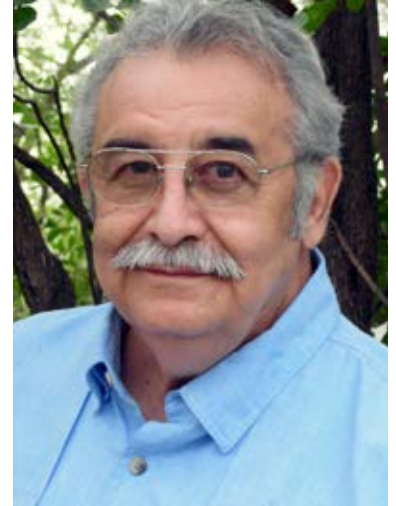


Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

September 2021

P.O. Box 12174, San Antonio TX 78212

Neighbor Spotlight



Vietnam Veteran (“brown water” Navy, 1965-67), lifelong community activist, and long-term resident Mr. Hector J. Cardenas was kind enough to spend his time discussing his life’s work.

Cardenas has a long history in San Antonio. His great-grandfather moved here from Mexico in 1884. He is a 1965 graduate of Edgewood High School and a 1968 graduate of the San Antonio Fire Academy, where he worked for 34 years, saving lives and serving citizens.

“I was a frontline fire fighter and paramedic, never an office worker.” said Cardenas. In fact, he received Firefighter of the Year from the 20th District American Legion for 3rd degree burns sustained during a fire rescue in 1987.

Cardenas was the President of Alta Vista Neighborhood in 1997, 1999, 2007-8 and is a founding member and President of The Friends of San Pedro Springs Park (FSPSP).

Cardenas has given much of his own time to the San Pedro Springs Park, a lovely resource for our city. Years ago, the pool had been completely buried – yet today it is open and free to the public. The spring is a unique natural treasure that many San Antonians don’t know exists.

The Friends have great plans for the Springs. Currently, the remaining pathway is being installed, so visitors may enjoy a leisurely walk around the entire property. Some proposed improvements include restoring the 1890s summer house (the Grotto), improving the Skate Park, and expanding tree inventory and other greenery for the open areas.

The Friends have been involved in volunteer projects assisting the Parks Department with tree mulching and planting of trees, cleaning out the springs, running a snack bar during events, supporting various events in the park, Founders Day, Reenactment of the founding of San Antonio, joint projects with the San Pedro Playhouse, and most importantly constant vigilance of issues in the park. Next, they would like help lobby for 2022 Bond Funds to finish the restoration and projects in the park master plan.

*Hector J. Cardenas, Friends of San Pedro Springs Park (FSPSP).
Photo credit Hector J. Cardenas*

INFO

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

September 29th (Zoom)
November 17th (TBD)

BOARD MEETINGS

September 12th (Zoom)
October 3rd (Zoom)

2021 AVNA BOARD

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Neighbor Spotlight Contd.

Hopefully AVNA will be able to assist with some or all of these improvements.

AVNA residents can join the Friends of San Pedro Springs Park by emailing safd902@gmail.com and receive periodic updates on the park. There is no fee for joining.

Thank you, Mr. Cardenas, for your lifetime of service to the people of San Antonio!

– Neighbor Spotlight story by Corey Schultz



Join Your Neighbors

Alta Vista is a Neighborhood Conservation District. It is one of the oldest neighborhoods in San Antonio and is bounded on the south by San Pedro Springs Park, one of the oldest public parks in the United States. It is also home to the historic Public Theater and San Pedro Library. The AVNA website provides an abundance of useful information

AVNA holds General Assemblies in January, March, May, September, and November. Next one is September 29th, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. See last page for details on how to join on Zoom.

The annual membership fee is \$10 per individual, \$20 per couple, or \$20 per business. It is a 501(c) (4) non-profit organization. You can join on the AVNA website.



Check Out Our Updated Website!
www.altavistana.org

What You Support!

Advocacy

We make sure our local, state, and national representatives understand the priorities of Alta Vista residents.

Education

In addition to distributing a newsletter, we facilitate workshops, walking tours, and other educational events.

Community

We bring neighbors together for historical, educational, and entertainment events for the whole family.

Livability

From infrastructure to crime and animal care, we work to make Alta Vista a safe and healthy neighborhood.

Alta Vista is bounded by Hildebrand on the North, San Pedro on the East, the Union Pacific railroad tracks on the West & Myrtle on the South.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AVNA Help Line

210-906-8617

altavista78212@gmail.com

SAPD Non-Emergency

210-207-7273

SAFFE Officer Maciel

Benito.Maciel@sanantonio.gov

210-207-7413

SAPD Central Substation

210-207-7410

District 1 City Council Office

Neighborhood Liaison:

Anisa Schell

210-207-8253

anisa.schell@sanantonio.gov

North Central Unit Code Office

210-289-4801

Animal Care Services

Dist 1 Officer: Adán Pérez

210-216-8428

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Your Card Here!

Your Local Solar and Backup Specialist!

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Get Involved!

AVNA currently has three vacant Director-at-large positions. The Directors-at-large serve as chairs of standing and ad hoc committees, as well as provide advice and assistance with AVNA activities. If you are interested in a Board position this year or running for one next year, check out the information on these positions in the AVNA By-laws located on our website. Email us if you have any questions.

The newly formed Cultural Committee is a vital link between AVNA and nearby cultural resources, such as San Pedro Springs Park, which includes the Public Theater and the San Pedro Library. A potential project: connecting AVNA with Friends of San Pedro Springs to see how our community can support this lovely and unique resource, archiving photos to preserve our vivid history. If you are interested in being a part of this, please let us know. Time commitment: whatever you want it to be. This a committee of volunteers and everyone has life and work commitments. Please contact us at avna@ymail.com.

The Newsletter Needs YOU!

Do you have a story you want told?

Feel like relating some interesting neighborhood history?

Have some information to share with your neighbors?

We want to hear from you!

Please contact Corey Schultz at 904-378-6328 or coreyschultz75@yahoo.com.

ADVERTISE WITH US!

You can reach 1,300 potential customers.

Business card size ads

are free on a space available basis

Email avna@ymail.com for more information

General Assembly September 29th 6:30 p.m.

Find out what's going on, let us know what is on your mind, make your voice heard!

Please join us on ZOOM. Use the link below to access the meeting.

<https://tinyurl.com/AVNAMAYGeneralAssembly>

Meeting ID: 895 1326 0363

Passcode: 765147

Look for the ZOOM info & agenda on our Facebook Events page.

You can also email us at avna@ymail.com & we will send you the information!

BECOME AN AVNA MEMBER!

Your membership dues and donations will go to community outreach and engagement.

Individual: \$10 per year

Couple: \$20 per year

Business: \$20 per year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pay on-line on the AVNA website or return this form with a check to:

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On The Horizon

AVNA Board Elections: Look out for info coming soon from our Nominating Committee. Election is in November.

Large Area Rezoning: Hopefully the Task Force will start back up in the Fall. The team is waiting on DSD to complete their review.

Pat Clayworth Scholarship: The scholarship funds were transferred to the Alamo Colleges Fund. Details on the scholarship award coming soon.

Traffic Islands Dedication: A lot of great work took place over the spring and summer. We're awaiting a timeline for installation of bricks and benches.

Attention Alta Vista!

Block Captains Needed!

Block Captains are vital to AVNA's ability to communicate with as many neighbors as possible.

What they do:

- Deliver newsletters: Jan, Mar, May, Sept, & Nov
- Communicate neighbor concerns to AVNA
- Be a Neighbor-to-Neighbor advocate

Email avna@ymail.com to sign up!

Join Us!

Become a member. On the AVNA website, click the "Join or Donate" tab or use the form to the left..

Sign up for our eblasts. AVNA hand delivers and emails newsletters every other month. We also send emails in between with announcements and time sensitive info. Use the "Contact Us" tab on the AVNA website to subscribe.