



## Sales Price Disclosure Would Balance Property Tax Burden

Have you ever tried moving a heavy piece of furniture with someone who does not carry his share of the weight?

For middle-class homeowners, this is a lot like paying property taxes while some of our fellow taxpayers dodge their fair share.

A recent report from the Texas Task Force on Appraisal Reform included a recommendation to right this wrong: requiring disclosure of real estate sales prices. If passed by the Legislature, it will greatly benefit the average homeowner.

It turns out that property tax appraisers have all the information they need to fully appraise typical homes — homes that sell for \$250,000 or less. However, when it comes to commercial property or million-dollar homes, tax appraisers lack access to the same kind of sales data. Consequently, owners of high-end properties often end up with discounted appraisals and thus a lighter tax bill — leaving everyone else to pick up the slack. In my hometown of San Antonio, I visited one property, La Mansion Hotel, that paid taxes on 25 percent of its reported sales price of \$100 million last year. Less than two miles away, a middle-class working couple paid property taxes on nearly 100 percent of their \$146,000 home. For 25 percent of the cost, the hotel owners still enjoy 100 percent of the services delivered by local governments and fully paid for by the average homeowners.

That is why I have authored the Sales Information Act (House Bill 133). This bill removes the extra tax burden from the backs of middle-class homeowners by simply allowing equal access to the sales price information of all properties.

The reform effort is gaining steam. A bipartisan majority of the Texas Senate is on the record for sales price disclosure, and the bipartisan House Committee on Local Government Ways and Means recently endorsed reforms.

If this policy had been on the books a year ago, our schools would be \$4 billion richer today. If the big property owners would help carry the heavy load, schools and local governments wouldn't keep asking regular taxpayers to carry more.

*Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, Texas House of Representatives*

# The Newsletter

OF THE KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION  
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## FAIR\*VIEW: Meet the Key Players



### Fair Day 2007 is Saturday, April 28

Fair 2007 Art by Terry Baker  
Fair 2007 medals and pins will be on sale at the KWA March General Meeting. Current KWA members always receive a discount.



Candace hiking at Borrego Springs, CA

Millers do not live in King William, but they love this area and what KWA does for the community. Rinda is the safety and human resource manager and part owner of Judson Candy Company. Ken is a contractor pilot for the Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base.

**ATTENTION MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:** I know you're out there and think you're too busy right now to help with the Fair. But you CAN help by opening your home to a non-KW volunteer who needs a place to rest on Friday, April 27. Read on.....

The Fair simply wouldn't be possible without the generous support of its many volunteers. While every hour of donated time is important, some people find the time to play vital roles for the Fair. I'd like to introduce you to several key players for Fair 2007.

**Admissions:** Amy Teten is on the board of SAY Sí, runs marathons, and has lived in King William for three years. She's a customer care manager at RackSpace. The Board has asked that we control our admissions better, and Amy is up to the task.



Amy showing off her hoola

**Arts & Crafts:** A relative new-comer to our neighborhood, Candace Jacobs has taken over the Arts & Crafts department. Candace works for H-E-B as Vice President, Quality Assurance & Environmental Affairs. She loves to travel all over the United States and the world. We can count on her keen eye to bring us some wonderful Arts & Crafts this year.

**Beverages:** In December, I first introduced you to Rinda and Ken Miller, who were busy soliciting volunteers for seller-server training. The Millers manage our beverage sales, and they still need volunteers to help them run errands during the two weeks before the Fair. The



The Millers looking good

## FAIR\*VIEW: Meet the Key Players - continued



Kit Walker

**Environmental:** A neighbor suggested that we rename the trash department to make it sound more exciting. Kit Walker, our Association president, said the new name didn't help, but he agreed to take on the department. In addition to all he does for KWA, Kit is a real estate agent and bed & breakfast owner. For more details about Kit, see the September 2006 newsletter.

**Entertainment:** Robert Alvarado works with South Antonio Builders as a Restoration Contractor. He lives in Lavaca and is busy saving homes in King William and its neighboring areas. Robert also knows fun and exciting people, has experience throwing great parties, was once a radio DJ, and is excited about managing our Entertainment venues. He is sure there will be entertainment for the whole family that you will enjoy.



Robert Alvarado

**Food:** Brad Shaw wears multiple hats. He's the vice-president of KWA, technology whiz at the renovated KW office (check out the wireless internet!), active Cornyation supporter, opera aficionado, and now manager of our large food department. Brad is actively looking for that elusive Black Forest Cake vendor, but he isn't holding his breath. For more details about Brad, see the September 2006 newsletter.

**Parade:** This year the Parade will be co-managed by two highly skilled legal secretaries who don't live in King William but who have worked for and have been a part of the Parade in the past. Sue Duffy is also an artist who creates fabulous jewelry. Sue's very active in the community, and enjoys gardening, reading, and music. Dana Thompson is a busy single mom of a competitive springboard diver and cotillion "queen." Dana's an experienced charitable event organizer.

It's incredible that people from outside the neighborhood would so willingly share their time and talents to make "our" Fair possible. It truly is a generous gift to the larger community.

You can help me thank these KW supporters by hosting a non-KW resident as a house guest on Friday, April 27, the night before the Fair. Many of our non-KW residents must arrive in the Fair Zone by 6:00 a.m. Some travel a great distance while others rely on public transportation. Please help me show these wonderful people some old-fashioned hospitality.

Maybe that sounds weird to you, but for this "Army Brat", there are no strangers in your community. You can contact me, your Fair Chair 2007, at rkanusky@fulbright.com or 532-1738.



Fair Chair  
Rose Kanusky

Rose Kanusky

## In Memoriam, Chris Egan 1951-2007



Christopher K. Egan, architect, educator and neighbor, passed away on February 11 after a long illness. Chris and his wife, Ana Martinez, had based their design practice on South Alamo for several years, and during that time he served as Southtown's Design Committee Chair.

A native San Antonian, Chris graduated from Central Catholic High School, and went on to earn degrees from Notre Dame and the University of Houston before

*"He was always eager to discuss architecture and life, almost always with a smile and hearty laugh."*

completing his graduate work in architecture at Columbia University, New York. He worked in New York for many years before returning to his hometown, where he established his own practice, and taught at both UTSA and San Antonio College.

I had the pleasure of sharing an office with Chris during his last year at UTSA, and I witnessed firsthand the enthusiasm for architecture that he was able to impart to his students. He was always eager to discuss architecture and life, almost always with a smile and hearty laugh. He will be sorely missed.

Darryl Ohlenbusch

## King William Parade News

Since its inception, the Parade has been a constantly changing and evolving thing, and the Parade has become a big part of Fiesta. This year, we're trying to tame this big growing thing just a little bit. There are new deadlines, new fees, and new guidelines. Most importantly for any KW resident group who wants to participate in this year's Parade are the new deadlines:

- Early pre-registration is limited to residents of King William and Lavaca, and is only \$10 until March 21.

- From March 21-31, for residents and for non-residents, registration is \$35.



- From April 1-6, registration is \$50 regardless of residency.
- Politician or political entries are \$100 regardless of submission date. Political entries may be subject to reduction at the discretion of the Parade Commission for regular attendance at KWA meetings.
- No Parade registration will be accepted after April 6.

The second important thing for all entries, both resident and non-resident, is that insurance fees are mandatory this year. In years past, entrants could pay insurance fees or submit insurance waivers. Because more children are now participating, and because the Parade Committee wants to provide a safe event for everyone, fees are mandatory. Fees are: walking units, \$31; mobile units, \$67; and equestrian units, \$103.

There are new Parade guidelines and regulations. You will find these posted at the KW Fair website ([www.kwfair.org](http://www.kwfair.org)), together with the new Parade Application. You can also pick up Parade information at the KWA office during office hours.

The Parade and the Fair can always use a hand. If you or someone you know wants to volunteer to help in either area, please contact the No. 1 Volunteer Organizer, Tina Garza, 867-6730 or [kwasecretary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kwasecretary@sbcglobal.net).

The Parade Committee is working hard to streamline Parade operations, and hope these changes will be helpful for everyone.

*Sue Duffy*



### SACS to Share Details About Spring Grant Program and Resource Workshops

This spring, the San Antonio Conservation Society will offer a series of free resource programs related to home ownership. They hope to cover the following subjects: the historic characteristics and special qualities of the homes in this area, proper restoration practices for these types of homes, resources available for owners of historic homes, and steps to applying for the Spring Grant Program. Grant funds for exterior restoration projects will be made available to residential properties within the following boundaries: north to Pereida, east to S. St. Mary's, south to Eagleland, and west to Mission. This is a pilot program being conducted to provide restoration funding and conservation resources to a specific community in conjunction with Historic Preservation Month, celebrated in May of every year.

Mark your calendars for the following opportunities to learn more about these exciting new resources:

- **Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m.** at Blue Star Brewing Co.: SACS will present more details about the Spring Grant Program and upcoming Resource Workshops.

- **Saturday, March 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** at Bonham Elementary Gymnasium: SACS Spring Resource Workshop

- **Wednesday, March 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at Bonham Elementary Gymnasium: SACS Spring Resource Workshop

*SA Conservation Society Logo cut paper design  
by Kathleen Trenchard,  
cut-it-out.org*

### 13th Annual Basura Bash to Clean Up the River on March 24

Join the King William Neighbors/Brackenridge H.S. team as they clean up our neighborhood's stretch of the river. **Meet at the Blue Star parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24.** Required gear includes: sturdy shoes/boots; long pants; long sleeves; work gloves; and caps/hats and sunscreen if necessary. Water will be provided. We will all be rewarded with t-shirts and goodie bags.

For more information and to volunteer, please call

Robin Raquet, Zone Captain, at 224-4541.



Donation to the King William Scholarship Fund from Mr. & Mrs. John R. Wells in memory of Walter Mathis.

## Villa Finale Update

In December of 2005, Walter Nold Mathis, one of Texas's great preservationists, passed away, leaving an extraordinary legacy and the city of San Antonio changed forever. Two years before his death, he gave his home, Villa Finale, and all its collections to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, while retaining the right to live in the home for the rest of his life.

In the year since his death, the National Trust has been working hard on transitioning Villa Finale from a private home to a public museum. As many of you know, the Trust has had one staff member here in San Antonio since the summer of 2002. Lorie Rombro worked with Walter on a daily basis, inventorying his collection and recording his knowledge about many of his pieces. Her work has been invaluable in the transition.

Since Mr. Mathis's passing, we have added two full-time staff members. I moved here from Washington DC in May of 2006 to head the project, and Meg Nowack followed in August to become the Collections Care Manager.

The collections staff has been working tirelessly, evaluating Mr. Mathis's extensive collection. Each of the approximately 12,000 objects will be cleaned in accordance with museum standards, and each will have its identification number applied to it. Every item is also evaluated to determine whether it needs attention from a professional conservator.

In addition to processing the large collection, we are moving forward on many other fronts. We have leased 122 Madison, the O'Neil Ford building at the corner of Turner

and Madison, for use as Villa Finale's Visitor Center. The building will house exhibits, a museum shop, and offices for the staff. Visitors will park in the building's parking lot and be shuttled to Villa Finale in small groups.

Many of you have asked when Villa Finale will be open to the public. We are hoping to be open in another year; however, there are a number of issues yet to be addressed. Some may turn out to be somewhat complicated, and it's possible they may delay our opening date. Many of the windows on the first floor need to be repaired or replaced due to moisture issues. In addition, we'll need to undertake a structural survey on the rear addition to the house, as well as repairs to the limestone façade. As historic homeowners, I'm sure you understand all too well how what seems to be a simple and straightforward repair can often unexpectedly turn into a much larger project.

I do want to thank everyone in the neighborhood for being so welcoming and supportive of the project and our presence. We all recognize that King William is first and foremost a residential neighborhood, and will do everything we can to limit our impact on the residents. If you

have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 223-9800 or [sandra\\_smith@nthp.org](mailto:sandra_smith@nthp.org).

*Sandra Smith, Director, Villa Finale*



Villa Finale - Credit: Photo by Carol Highsmith, Courtesy of Villa Finale



Meg Nowack (top), Lorie Rombro (bottom left), Sandra Smith (bottom right)



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# Meet the Board.

Gretchen Garceau-Kragh, KWA  
Treasurer since 2005

**What brought you to the King William neighborhood?**

The diversity of the neighborhood, the uniqueness of the homes, and the close proximity to downtown and work.

**What's the biggest issue facing the neighborhood that you want to address as a Board member?**

Humanely getting the animal population under control, and crime.

**What book have you recently enjoyed that you would recommend to others? What is your all-time favorite movie?**

All Time Favorite Movie: *Field of Dreams*

Book I Would Recommend: *The NY Times Guide to Essential Knowledge*

**What's your favorite local hangout?**

Beethoven Maennerchor

**If you were in the Federal Witness Protection Program and had to relocate to any other city in the world, where would you go?**

Anywhere with a lot of golf courses.

**What's your favorite holiday?**

National Feral Cat Day (October 16th) and Christmas Eve

**Do you canoe?**

No, but I am willing to learn.



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# What's Happening: KWA Neighborhood Calendar

## March 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 ----- Church <b>First Friday Art Walk</b> Gemini Ink: <b>FF Reading</b> Blue Star Brew: <b>The Psychics</b> SouthTown Cafe: <b>Destination Dinner</b>	3 Theatre: <b>Gone To Texas</b>	4
5	6 Blue Star Brew: <b>Crimson Jazz Orchestra</b>	7 <b>KWA General Meeting</b>	8	9 ----- Church ***** Jump-Start	10 Theatre: <b>Gone To Texas</b> Start: <b>Otherwise Occupied</b> <b>Southtown Market Days</b> <b>Southtown Artwalk</b>	11 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> *****
12	13 Blue Star Brew: <b>River City Big Band</b>	14 <b>KWA April Newsletter Deadline</b>	15	16 ----- Church ***** Jump-Start	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Theatre: <b>Gone To Texas</b> Start: <b>Otherwise Occupied</b>	18 ----- ***** <b>Stories Galore</b>
19	20 Blue Star Brew: <b>SA Jazz Orchestra</b>	21 <b>KWA Board Meeting</b>	22	23 ----- Church Blue Star Brew: <b>Gypsy Moon</b>	24 Theatre: <b>Gone To Texas</b> Beethoven: <b>Stiftungsfest</b> <b>SACS Spring Resource Workshop</b> (pg. 3) <b>Basura Bash</b> (pg. 3)	25
26 <b>KWA Newsletter Mail Prep</b>	27 Blue Star Brew: <b>Prime Time Jazz Orchestra</b>	28 Jump-Start: <b>W-I-P</b> <b>SACS Spring Resource Workshop</b> (pg. 3)	29	30 ----- Church **** Jump-Start: <b>Uprooted</b>	31 Theatre: <b>Gone To Texas</b> <b>The Katrina Project</b> ****	

### Beethoven Maennerchor

*Stiftungsfest on Friday 3/24, call for times*  
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churchbistroandtheatre.com

### Gemini Ink

*First Friday Reading 3/2, 6:30-8pm*  
513 S. Presa, 734-9673  
geminiink.org

### Jump-Start Performance Co.

*Call or visit web site for performance times*  
108 Blue Star, 227-JUMP  
jump-start.org

### SouthTown Cafe

*First Friday Destination Dinner 3/2, 6-9pm*  
1127 S. St. Mary's, 224-9811  
southtowncafe.com

### Southtown Market Days

*Saturday 3/10, 9am-3pm*  
Milagros, 725 S. Presa, 212-4344

### Southtown Artwalk

*Saturday 3/10, 2-4pm*  
476-8801  
southtownartwalk.com

### Stories Galore

*Sunday 3/18, 5-7pm*  
Commander's House, 645 S. Main,  
673-4467

### King William Association

*Mon.-Fri., 10am-2pm*  
1032 S. Alamo, 227-8786  
king.william@sbcglobal.net  
www.kingwilliamassociation.org  
www.kwfair.org

- 3/7 7pm **General Membership Mtg.**, Blue Star Brewing Co.
- 3/14 12pm **April Newsletter Deadline**
- 3/21 7pm **Board Meeting**, KWA Office
- 3/26 6pm **Newsletter Mail Prep**, KWA Office

### Looking Ahead...

- 4/4 **Spring Social**
- 4/4 **Fiesta Edition Newsletter Deadline**
- 4/16 **Newsletter Mail Prep**
- 4/18 **Board Meeting**
- 4/28 **King William Fair 2007!!!**

## Thomas Nelson Page Middle School Renews Relationship with the King William Association

My name is Gary H. F. Pollock, and I am proud to be the principal at Page Middle School. I am also very excited about building a relationship with the King William Association.

Our first contact with the association was last fall when three members of our staff attended a general membership meeting – Ms. Diana Sultenfuss, assistant principal; Mrs. Sylvia Carreon, librarian; and myself.

Our purpose for attending the meeting was twofold. We wanted to personally thank the association for the \$5,000 grant they provided for our library. This money was used to enhance our "Texas Collection." We also presented each board member with a piece of artwork that was created by our students and their teacher, Mrs. Cynthia Rodriguez.

In January of this year we also attended a meeting regarding the planning for the King William Fair. We made a commitment to have our students, staff, and parents volunteer at the fair. The Page P.T.A. is hoping to have a food booth. It was also decided that we will host the association's next board meeting at the Page Library on February 21, 2007. SAISD's core values are commitment, high expectations, respect, integrity, passion, teamwork, and being student centered. We are committed to cultivating and maintaining a positive relationship with your association.

In closing, I want to share some Page positives that demonstrate we hold to our motto "Page Pride! Page Potential! Pony Power!"

• **Academic enrichment.** In addition to meeting all state- and locally-mandated standards, learning is enhanced through challeng-

ing Gifted and Talented classes for students who qualify; two computer labs fully equipped with the latest technology; computers in every classroom; access to laptops, projectors, and digital cameras for special projects; and 8th-grade Algebra and Spanish courses for 7th- and 8th-graders who want a jump start on earning high school credit.



left to right: Mrs. Sylvia Carreon, librarian; Mrs. Cynthia Rodriguez, art teacher, Ms. Diana Sultenfuss, assistant principal, and Mr. Gary Pollock, principal

• **Tops in attendance.** We are committed to creating a learning environment as interesting as it is enlightening. Consequently, our students enjoy coming to school so much that Page consistently ranks among the top in attendance of all SAISD middle schools.

• **Parents are paramount.** Page encourages parental participation and is privileged to have an active, involved PTA. We recognize the important role parents play in the success of our students and in our school.

• **That personal touch.** Parents are provided the principal's home and cell phone numbers for easy access when they have questions or concerns about their children.

• **Customer service is supreme.** Keeping our parents, students and community satisfied through quality service is a priority. Our front office recently was redesigned to create a more welcoming reception area. We consider all of our customers VIPs and strive to make your visit with us a pleasant one.

• **Perpetual improvement.** We constantly are seeking ways to improve how we go about the business of helping our students be the best that they can be. From providing academic excellence and well-rounded extracurricular opportunities to guiding youngsters on the path to become model citizens, we care!

Gary H. F. Pollock

## Meet the Board.

Nancy Diehl, KWA Board

Member since 2006

**What brought you to the King William neighborhood?**

Andy and I had always enjoyed visiting the neighborhood in the nearly 30 years since

we moved back to San Antonio. We had come to the Fair since its early days. A few years ago, walking back to the car after the Fair, we passed a house for sale on Adams. I talked Andy into looking at it--and some others. We didn't find the right place then, but nearly a year later Kit Walker showed us the house we eventually bought--also on Adams. We love living in this small town so close to downtown.

**What's the biggest issue facing the neighborhood that you want to address as a Board member?**

I don't have one big issue, but I'm concerned about the large number of stray animals, river improvements, assisting Brack scholarship recipients.

**What book or movie have you recently enjoyed that you would recommend to others? All-time favorite book or movie?**

Recent books: *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell and *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. All-time favorite books: *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Sound and the Fury*. Movies: *The Station Agent* and *Best in Show*.

**What's your favorite local hangout?**

Madhatters or La Tuna Grill for food. The river below Alamo Street for dog walks.

**If you were in the Federal Witness Protection Program and had to relocate to any other city in the world, where would you go?**

London

**What's your favorite holiday?**

Hmmm. Not that big on holidays. I guess Halloween.

**Do you canoe?**

My one and only experience in a canoe resulted in capsizing in a fast-moving and very cold river.





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## Out in the Garden with Alan Cash

As we get into the growing season, please monitor your water usage and conserve wherever possible. Your monthly water bill includes a chart to show your water usage over the past year and shows how you compare to other households. If you have turf grass, water it thoroughly about every two to three weeks (about one inch of water). To measure, put a tuna can or similar container where the water lands. Plant only drought tolerant plants and shrubs. There is a free list of these in the bulletin board box on the front porch of the King William office at 1032 S. Alamo St.

Fertilize spring blooming plants after they have finished blooming. This will help them store food for the following year's blooms. Any balanced fertilizer with a 3-1-2 formula ratio is fine. Remove the foliage after it has died down naturally.

Ferns tend to become crowded and need to be thinned out once in a while. Now is a good time to do it before new growth starts. For those planted in the ground use a sharp spade to cut out sections of roots about six inches square around the edge of the growing area. Think of each section like a one gallon plant you get from the nursery and plant about one foot apart.

To divide potted ferns cut back all top growth to ground level and take the root ball out of the pot. Use a sharp kitchen knife to cut the root ball into sections. You can cut off part of the bottom of the root ball leaving about 6 to 8 inches of roots for each new plant. Keep the ground around each transplant moist and lightly fertilize when new growth appears.

You may have crepe myrtles with sucker shoots growing around the base of the main trunk(s). These take nourishment away from the plant and should be cut off at ground level. Continue doing this anytime during the year if new shoots appear.

Spring is a good time to walk through the neighborhood to see what is blooming and to get ideas for your own garden. Take a note pad and camera. It is also a good way to meet other gardener types who will probably be happy to share information with you.

Something of interest: parsley has three times as much vitamin C as oranges and twice as much iron as spinach.

*Garden Note: Some gardeners say plant twice as much and let the bugs have their half. But who wants half a green bean?*

### Trees, Trees, Trees! - Update

This is an update on trees that have been planted along streets as a joint project between the King William and Lavaca neighborhood associations. As of this newsletter 231 trees have been planted, including 42 initially planted as part of the Mission Trails Parkway between Pereida St. and the underpass by Brackenridge High School. Most of the trees were obtained from the City nursery at no cost, but many were purchased with funds contributed by individuals. The project is ongoing and future progress will be reported.



Alan Cash

### Small Palm Tree needs new home:

If you can dig it up, it's yours. Call Marita, 223-2628.

## March Stories Galore to Feature Veronica Gard

Stories Galore, a free story-swap hosted by Elder Stone for both experienced and beginning storytellers, and V.I.L.'s (Very Important Listeners), continues on **Sunday, March 18, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** at the Commander's House, 645 S. Main. Stories must be suitable for families with children and must not be derogatory to any race or belief.

This month's "Stellar Teller," a person of some renown as a talespinner, is Veronica Gard.

After a career as a teacher in English and Drama in England, Veronica became a Drama Therapist. She then discovered her love for storytelling and studied the art at Emerson College in Sussex, England. She has been a resident of the Alamo City for more than four years and currently is on the board of the San Antonio Storytellers Association.

For more information, call Elder Stone at 673-4467.



## Southtown Mainstreet Alliance Update

Juan J. Gutierrez, Southtown Executive Director, met with the King William general membership on February 7th to listen to the concerns of the King William community and to address the issues associated with First Friday and graffiti. Juan stated that it was his hope to begin having a direct dialogue with people from this community as well as the Lavaca Neighborhood Association.

Southtown has designed regulations that will help curb the issues with First Friday, its hours of operation, and its street vendors. Southtown is also addressing issues that deal with alcohol (TABC) and is working with the police department to deal with parking issues and parking alternatives that will help relieve traffic in the neighborhoods.

Southtown is also looking to create a program that engages young people who are involved in graffiti tagging with a mural program that will serve as a catalyst for change. Juan feels that when young people make a mural, they interact with instructors, fellow muralists, and the community-at-large. Each interaction presents a different set of challenges and opportunities, requiring youth to develop a wide range of skills - from traditional drawing and color mixing, to teamwork and leadership. Murals are excellent catalysts for youth development. Murals challenge and affirm on a variety of levels, and provide a unique opportunity for young people to actively participate in a process that enhances their community. In addition, the impact of healthy relationships with adult role models - both in the arts and in the community - gives young people great pride in their own capabilities as artists and activists. The program will also enable adjudicated youth to serve court-appointed community service hours in Southtown and the surrounding community. Southtown will offer a structured, supportive environment where youth can explore the visual and creative arts, learn to work as a team, build relationships with mentors, and contribute to their community in a positive way. For more information, visit Juan J. Gutierrez at the Southtown Office located at 716 S. Alamo, or call him at 210-226-0888.

# Meet the Board.



**Johnny Heidelberg, KWA Board Member since 2005**  
**What brought you to the King William neighborhood?**

In 2004, I retired from teaching for 36 years and my husband said, "You need a project." So we drove through all the older neighborhoods - Beacon Hill, Jefferson, Monte Vista, King William - on Mother's Day of that year. We ended up on Crofton and fell in love with the street. There were two houses for sale. In a couple of days, we had a contract on 146

Crofton. We were living in Terrell Hills at the time so we had to sell that house and my project was to get Crofton ready to live in. It was fun. We painted it with 11 different colors, bold colors, to go with our art work. And we did some other remodeling to make the house work for us. Mainly we fell in love with the neighborhood and the people who live here. We are so glad we moved.

**What's the biggest issue facing the neighborhood that you want to address as a Board member?**

I am interested in the improvements on the river. I am interested in the EPA report that should be coming out soon and how it will impact the river improvements. I want to see the river improvements completed and then maintained and cared for. I am also interested in the ongoing problems of First Friday.

**What book or movie have you recently enjoyed that you would recommend to others? All-time favorite movie?**

*Little Miss Sunshine.* My favorite all time movie is *Lawrence of Arabia.*

**What's your favorite local hangout?**

Madhatters

**If you were in the Federal Witness Protection Program and had to relocate to any other city in the world, where would you go?**

Mendocino, California

**Do you canoe?**

Barely.

## New Historical Marker in KW Honoring Mexican Composer Silvestre Revueltas



A state historical marker honoring Silvestre Revueltas, a Mexican composer, was erected in front of his former residence at 317 Wickes Street on February 3, 2007. Revueltas lived in San Antonio from 1926 until 1928 while working as a violinist, a concertmaster of the Aztec Theatre and Texas Theater orchestras, a teacher at San Antonio College, and a composer. For more information about this former King William resident regarded as one of Mexico's greatest composers, visit [www2.wvnorton.com/college/music/enj9/shorter/composers/revueltas.htm](http://www2.wvnorton.com/college/music/enj9/shorter/composers/revueltas.htm).

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Emergency: 911

Non Emergency: 207-SAPD (7273)

SAFFE Officer Doyle's Pager:

603-9435 (M-F, 7am-3pm)

SAFFE Officer Strothman's Pager:

603-9433 (M-F, noon-8pm)

Code violations and patch through to police: 311

SAFFE Office: 207-7413

(M-F, 7am-8pm)

Report tour bus violations to SAPD:

207-7482

### Graffiti Clean-Up Thanks

Many thanks to the following who met with us on Saturday, February 17, at 9:00 a.m. to help with the graffiti clean-up. We worked at 16 sites and got through with our list due to everyone's hard work. Those who helped us were:

Tom Berg, Cherise Bell, Fernando Berrios, Bill Cogburn, Rose Kanusky, Ed Haverlah, Neil Leatherbury, Neldon Milstead and Jerry Tyson, COPS Board Member who came from Olmos Park to help us out.

We really appreciated all those who showed up.

*Molly and Harry Shafer*

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### King William Neighborhood

#### Crime Statistics\*

#### Top 10 Call-in Reports

January 2007    Nature of Call  
# of Calls

Disturbance	18
Traffic Violation	7
Burglary of Vehicle	7
Suspicious Person	5
Threats	4
Assault	4
Criminal Mischief	4
Burglary	3
Injury SKPR	3
Prowler, Theft, Lost Property	2 each

\* This is an excerpt from the SAPD on-line list of calls by neighborhood compiled by KWA member Molly Shafer.

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The Mission of the King William Association is to preserve and maintain the residential nature and historic characteristics of the King William Neighborhood and the diversity of its people; to intercede on behalf of the neighborhood with issues affecting the community by all civic avenues available including advocating for residential status with city; to improve quality of life by building community, promoting cultural endeavors, and providing scholarships and growth opportunities for deserving recipients.

(approved 3/19/97)

#### DECLARACION DE LA MISION

La misión de la Asociación King William es preservar y mantener la naturaleza residencial y las características históricas del vecindario, así como la diversidad de sus residentes; interceder a favor del vecindario en asuntos que afectan a la comunidad por todos los medios disponibles incluyendo abogar con la Ciudad para conservar el estatus residencial del zona; mejorar el nivel de vida mediante el desarrollo de la comunidad, promoviendo actividades culturales y proporcionando becas y oportunidades de superación a quienes lo ameriten.

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**KWA March General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m.**  
**Blue Star Brewing Co., 1414 S. Alamo**

- Learn how you can keep the neighborhood safe by becoming involved with the **COP (Cellular on Patrol)** program. The COP program was developed to help individuals obtain information that will make them more aware of how to maintain both personal and home safety. Participants are given tools that can be used on a daily basis to spot possible or imminent safety concerns in and around their neighborhoods.
- Have your questions answered about the **San Antonio Conservation Society's (SACS) Spring Grant Program**. The SACS is working with the KWA and the City to bring a home-owner assistance program to a targeted area in our neighborhood. (Read page 3 for information on upcoming Spring Resource Workshops.)

**Please plan to attend this meeting full of important neighborhood information!**

Fair 2007 medals and pins will be on sale at this meeting!

Current KWA members always receive a discount.

One complimentary beverage per person.

The KWA April Newsletter will be mailed to you on March 27, or read it online on March 23 at [www.kingwilliamassociation.org](http://www.kingwilliamassociation.org).