



## Outgoing President's Message

Thank you all for the honor and privilege of serving as your president these last two years. I had two great mentors in your last two presidents, Mike Schroeder and Steve Yndo. Mike taught me the patience to try to build consensus. I was occasionally successful but never reached his level of accomplishment. Steve taught me to wait that extra 15 seconds and let someone complete their opinion, often times adding a new dimension to their direction and quality of thought process. I failed miserably in keeping my mouth shut, but I did try.

This last year has seen unprecedented revenues from the Fair, due in large part from Rose Kanusky's guidance as Fair Chair and the continued participation from the previous Fair Chair, Dick Davis. Rose's employers were gracious enough to allow her to devote as much as 25% of any given day to her commitment to the neighborhood. This commitment allowed us to dramatically improve the professionalism with which the KWA approached its duties and obligations in maintaining the atmosphere, size and viability of the Fair's activities. Although we were not perfect in the implementation of all that was attempted to be accomplished, the overall number of missteps were reduced. Thank you as a neighborhood for your continued support of this wonderful event. Please let us know the positives and negatives associated with the Fair and please consider contributing some of your valuable time to its continued successful production.

Thanks in great part to Noemi Cue, the KWA now has a working Alamo Community College District-King William Association Scholarship Program Mentor Committee. The present members of this committee are Noemi, Nancy Diehl, Jim and Johnny Heidelberg, Jim Nelson, and Beverly Schwartzman. This mentoring committee helped rewrite the scholarship qualification criteria, interviewed the applicants,

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# The Newsletter

OF THE KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION

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## And the 2007-08 Nominees Are . . .

*Please plan to attend this month's general membership meeting to vote for the new Board of Directors and to hear the Annual Report. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Blue Star Brewing Co.*

### President

**Brad Shaw** (3rd year) grew up in a military family mainly in San Antonio. He has an electrical engineering degree from UT Austin and works as an engineer for the Air Force. He has lived in KW, one of the best neighborhoods in SA, for 13 years with his partner, Jim Nelson. With his work for Cornyation and various KW Fair leadership positions, Brad is very busy during Fiesta!



### Board of Directors

**Roselyn Cogburn** (2nd year) and husband Bill moved to KW from Houston seventeen years ago and have worked in every Fair and Home Tour since. She chaired the Tour in 1998 and their home was on the Tour in 1999. She served three years on the KWA Board in the mid-1990's when commercial and institutional encroachment on the residential neighborhood was a major problem. Supporting residential integrity and considerate tourism in the neighborhood, she has chaired the Tourism Management Committee since 1996. She also serves on the Conservation Society's Board of Directors, chairs the Neighborhood Liaison Committee and serves on the Heritage Tour Committee. She encourages neighbors to call any member of the KWA Board with neighborhood concerns. "The Board wants to hear from you-especially if you have suggestions for solving the problem!"

**Hope Garza-Cortés** (new nominee) was born in San Antonio, grew up in the neighborhood, and has called KW home with husband Carlos and their three children for almost 20 years. Carlos' faux bois sculpture studio has been on S. St. Mary's since 1995. Hope previously served on the KWA Board in the late 90s, organized an Annual Easter Egg Hunt for several years in the KW Park, and volunteered as a docent for many Home Tours. She looks forward to serving the KWA and the neighborhood. She and Carlos have lovingly restored and rehabilitated a couple of rental properties in the neighborhood, doing much of the work herself or serving as the general contractor. "It gives me great joy and pleasure to see these great homes come to life again. I am currently working on restoring our home, a big task since it has not been lived in for 15 years."



## Nominees for 2007-08 Board of Directors

**Noemi Cue** (3rd year) was born in Monterrey, Mexico, has lived in KW for 3.5 years and is the mother of 4 daughters. She has spent 29 years in education, in the areas of Reading, Spanish, ESL, bilingual education and special education and is currently a Special Education Supervisor for SAISD. She is a member of the San Antonio Conservation Society, VP for Hispanic Women's Network and the Conservation Society, on the Literacy Commission for San Antonio and is involved with other community efforts. She currently chairs the Scholarship Mentor Committee for Brackenridge High School Scholarship Recipients who attend ACCD colleges. "Though I have only lived here for three-and-a-half years, I have been a part of the King William Parade as a participant on the Rey Feo Court, as Chupacabra Queen with Cadillac Bar's Jesse Medina, the mom of a Fiesta Queen, and served on different committees for the King William Fair. I am thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to be on the Board. I hope to continue to be active in the community and be the liaison between our area schools and the KWA."

**Janis De Lara** (new) was born in the Texas Panhandle town of Littlefield and has lived in KW with husband Jose since 1978. They have 1 daughter and 1 granddaughter.



They first lived in a charming apartment on Beauregard while they restored the historic cottage on Wickes Street that they have lived in since 1980. Janis holds a Bachelor of Music degree

from UT Austin and a Master of Music degree from the University of Memphis. She is an accomplished singer who has performed leading operatic roles, toured in foreign countries, and placed fourth in the Metropolitan Opera Regional Finals, Southern Division. She worked on the Home Tour, coordinated concerts in the KW Park, and participated in the KW Parade. "I am honored to be nominated to serve on the KWA Board. I would like to be involved in the Constance-Crofton

Street Pocket Park development and maintenance, and reestablish Sunday Concerts in King William Park."

**Nancy Diehl** (2nd year) was born and raised in San Antonio, left for college, then lived in several places around the country before returning nine years later, with her husband, Andy. After almost 30 years in the same house, they fulfilled a long-time wish to move to KW four years ago-and haven't regretted it for a moment! She spent 15 years as a magazine editor and three years doing PR for the Symphony; now she is a freelance editor and writer working from home on an interesting variety of projects. The Diehls have two grown daughters: one moved here from New Orleans just before Katrina, and the other lives in Los Angeles. Family KW connection: in the late 1930s, her mother and grandmother lived at 112 Madison in a house no longer standing, and her mother graduated from Brackenridge HS.

**W. Laurence Doxsey** (3rd year) and his wife, Carla Marshall, have 2 grown sons and have lived in KW for 4 years. Laurence works at the U.S. Department of HUD San Antonio Field Office as Field Environmental Officer and as HUD's Region VI Energy Coordinator. He has a strong background in environmental issues particularly in the areas associated with building technologies, energy use, and sustainable development. Mr. Doxsey holds a bachelor's degree from Macalester College in Minnesota and a master's degree from Goddard College in Vermont. "It has been interesting to see new residential projects enter the neighborhood and immediate vicinity. I think it reflects on the desirable neighborhood environment that the King William neighbors and businesses have created over the years. I look forward to helping continue to increase the livability of the neighborhood."

**Susan Erickson** (3rd year) has lived in KW since May of 2003. She is married to Tom Berg, a psychologist. She has worked in San Antonio as a psychologist (B.A. Wellesley College; Ph.D. UT Austin) since 1978, and has a psychotherapy private practice in the Medical Center area. She has worked as a volunteer for the KWA Home Tour and the Fair. She has served on the KWA board for two years and has been actively involved

in the work of the Safe Neighborhood Committee and the Parking Committee. "I am delighted to be nominated for the third year and wish to continue to take an active part in the work of the association. In recent months, my focus has been on the Parking Committee and devising a systematic way to assess neighborhood parking and traffic problems -- an important first step to seeking potential resolutions."

**Johnny Heidelberg** (3rd year) originally from Dallas, attended UT Austin. Now retired from a 36-year teaching career, she and her husband, Jim, live on Crofton in an Eastlake bungalow which they have owned for three years. She has been retired for three years and is enjoying living in KW. She is taking yoga at the Shambala center with many other KW residents and enjoys the varied neighborhood activities. Improvements on the river are one of her priorities for the year.

**Gretchen Garceau-Kragh** (3rd year) has lived in KW with her husband, John Kragh, for 5 years. She is the Special Events and Donor Relations Officer for Seton Home. She has a B.S. in Sport Science from Colby-Sawyer College (NH); Masters of Science in Education from Elmira College (NY) and a MBA in Sport Management from UIW. Readers will recognize her name as the author of "Tails from the Cat Lady," a regular column in the KW Newsletter. She was also a part of the team that brought the SNAP Mobile clinic to the neighborhood last year. "My goal as a member of the Board of Directors is to continue to make people in the neighborhood aware of our pet overpopulation problem and to help get the numbers of stray dogs and cats humanely under control." Gretchen has served as the KW Treasurer and is also on the Safe Neighborhood Committee and nominating committee.

**Mel Laracey** (2nd year) is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science and Geography at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Before coming to UTSA in 2000, Mel and his family lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He had a long career in city and county government there, serving as City Attorney, City Treasurer, Chief Deputy County Treasurer, and Director of the Ann Arbor Housing Bureau. He has also worked as a lawyer in corporate and private

practice. He lives on Mission Street with his wife Marian Aitches, who teaches in the American Studies Program at UTSA and is also an artist and poet, and son Nicolas, a student at UT Austin majoring in history. They moved into their home in 2003 after totally renovating it.

**Neil Leatherbury** (new) was born in Utah and has lived in KW for 4 years. He is a Biomedical Engineer, working mostly in the field of Orthopedics and most recently for a startup drug delivery company. He has worked on the Fair and on neighborhood graffiti cleanup. "I am excited at the opportunity to increase my involvement in the KW community. I am a native of San Antonio (well, I claim it as "home", at least), and have fallen in love with the area and the people of the neighborhood. I look forward to serving the KWA Board and the neighborhood in any capacity I can."



**Bonnie Pfannstiel** (3rd year) was born in San Antonio and was raised in Columbus, TX. Bonnie lived in New Braunfels for almost 20 years until she was widowed, and three years later married Curt Pfannstiel. They both always wanted to live in the KW area, and in May 2001 found their perfect home on Adams St. Their home has been featured in the Home Tour and in the Garden Tour. They love to have guests tour their house, and have a story to tell about each personal collectible before asking their new friends to sign their guest registry. Four years ago, Bonnie's mother also moved to our community and resides on City St. Both enjoy walking along the beautifully landscaped San Antonio River and feeding the ducks. Her goal is to work to improve the quality of services and life for KW residents. She sees the potential of each

old house - both large and small - and would like to see each brought back to its original glory.

**Harry Shafer** (3rd year) and his wife, Molly, have lived in the KW lofts for 5 years. He has a B. A. and PhD from UT Austin in anthropology. He established the archaeology program at Texas A&M, where he is currently Professor Emeritus as well as an active professional archaeologist. Harry has been heading up the Graffiti Patrol, and he and Molly were instrumental in bringing the recent C.O.P. training to KW. "We love King William, the community, the fair, parade, neighborhood, and historic atmosphere and traditions. It does take a neighborhood, and I will work to get the neighborhood involved in keeping us safe, keeping our events (including First Friday) family-oriented, and enjoyable for participants and residents alike."

**Olin Strauss** (2nd year) and his wife, Erin, have lived in KW for 3.5 years. They have five children and sixteen grandchildren. He is a Senior District Judge hearing cases by assignment; eighteen years as District Judge, 81st District Court; former Presiding Judge of the Fourth Administrative



Judicial region of Texas; former member of the Texas Judicial Council and the Judicial Districts Board. He has a BA, LLB, and Master's from St. Mary's University. He has been a Home Tour docent and Fair volunteer. "The King William Historical District is truly one of the treasures of San Antonio. Erin and I consider ourselves very fortunate to live in this beautiful and vibrant urban village. We look forward to working with our neighbors to preserve and enhance this unique neighborhood."

# KWA

## A New KWA Membership Year Begins

Thank you everyone who has returned their membership renewal or new member application form for the 2007-08 membership year! The new membership year begins on September 1, 2007, but there is still time to renew or join for 2007-08. Please note that your membership must be current for 2007-08 to be eligible to vote for the Board of Directors at this month's meeting and to be listed in the Membership Directory.

We thank all of our current members for their continued support and look forward to welcoming new members to the KWA. For more information about KWA membership, please contact us at [king.william@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbcglobal.net) or 227-8786.

## September Stories Galore to Feature Ruth Murphy

Stories Galore, a free story-swap hosted by Elder Stone for experienced and beginning storytellers and listeners, continues on **Sunday, September 23**, 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 Ruth Murphy, a former San Antonio Public Librarian who has been telling stories to groups from around the world for years. The Very Important Listeners at the Commander's House are among her favorites. "Those folks always like a funny story or a good ending where a rascal gets what's coming to him," she says. This is a teller not to miss!

For more information, call Elder Stone at 857-0881.

*"The King William Historical District is truly one of the treasures of San Antonio. . . We look forward to working with our neighbors to preserve and enhance this unique neighborhood."* Olin Strauss, returning board member

## News from State Representative Mike Villarreal, Texas House District 123

### National Night Out

On August 7th, folks gathered for block parties and barbecues in San Antonio and around the country to meet their neighbors and prevent crime as part of National Night Out.

My staff and volunteers and I were present at 10 events in our district to listen to neighbors' concerns, share stories, listen to great music and, of course, eat hot dogs! They got responses from many residents on a survey regarding the issues that matter most to your community and we'll be following up to invite you to attend a series of workshops on state services. If you did not get to fill out a survey and would like to do so, please contact Toni Serna in my office at 734-8937.



Joan Carabin, President of the Lavaca Neighborhood Association, perhaps said it best in her invitation to neighbors, "National Night Out only comes once a year...and it is our chance to show the children that there is more than one type of organized 'GANG' to join." I really believe that by continuing to build a movement of people who care about our urban neighborhoods, we will continue to unleash the huge potential that these communities hold.

To see photos of the events, visit our website at [www.leaderslisten.org](http://www.leaderslisten.org) and look at the Messages from Mike section. If you don't already receive our e-newsletter, you can sign up for updates on the website.

Thank you all for your hard work in organizing these events and for inviting us to join you.

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Joan Carabin, president LNA

### Take Action for Clean Air

The legislative session just ended in May, but believe it or not we're already laying the groundwork for the 2009 session! Last month, Governor Perry vetoed a plan by the Legislature to study the state's energy needs. So I've joined forces with a bipartisan group of lawmakers and concerned citizens around the state to launch a campaign urging Speaker Craddick to appoint a committee to prepare a long-term energy and environmental impact plan for Texas.

Please join our effort by visiting [www.leaderslisten.org](http://www.leaderslisten.org) and signing our petition to Speaker Craddick.

Together we can build a cleaner future!

## Save the Date!

Representative Villarreal's Annual Gathering for Constituents

Join us for food, music and a celebration of our victories!

El Mirador Restaurant – Garden House

722 S. St. Mary's St.

Thursday, October 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m

Please RSVP by September 28th to 733-8590.

## Give the Gift of Education: King William Association's ACCD Brackenridge Scholarship Award Fund

Looking for a chance to make a difference in someone's life? Or for that perfect gift for the person who has everything? Consider making a donation to the King William Association Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship recipients are graduates of Brackenridge High School who plan to attend one of the ACCD Colleges—San Antonio College, Palo Alto College, St. Philip's College, and Northwest Vista College.

Neighbors were able to meet the recipients, profiled in last month's newsletter, at the reception in their honor in August. The members of the board's Scholarship Committee, which is headed by Noemi Cue, interviewed the applicants for this year's scholarships. We were so impressed by these young people that we recommended an increase in the number of grants made this year, and the full board agreed. In addition, all three of last year's recipients completed their first year successfully and have been renewed for a second year.

There's a new aspect to the program this year: a mentor has been assigned to each of the scholarship recipients. These adults, members of the scholarship committee and additional volunteers from the neighborhood, have agreed to provide academic and personal support and guidance for the students as well as to monitor their progress through school.

In order to continue to provide these scholarships (which cover tuition and books), we need to increase the fund that supports them. In addition to the Association's annual contribution to the scholarship corpus, the finance committee recommended, and the board approved, a matching fund to encourage more donations from the community.

Donating to this fund is a great opportunity to help hard-working young people in our community! Please consider making a gift today, and remember the fund when you are looking for honor gifts for all occasions. Checks should be made payable to the King William Association (please note "Scholarship Fund" on memo line) and sent to the King William office.

Nancy Diehl



Johnny and Georgianna

## Letter from Georgianna Hernandez, 2006-08 Scholarship Recipient

### Dear Dr. Wells and the King William Association:

I would like to thank you for your generosity and compassion for students who are looking to make more out of their future. The King William Association has helped me make my first year of college easier than one can imagine.

Going to college was always a certainty in my life. Even as a young girl, I always knew that I was capable of more than just a high school diploma. Your help has been greatly appreciated. Your assistance will continue to be helpful throughout my second year, especially considering that you will also be providing mentoring for students, which I think is an awesome way to help students stay on track.

This past year, I was able to worry less about how I was going to pay for my schooling, books, and other necessities. All I had to do was concentrate on my schooling and just try as hard as I possibly could. Although I only work part-time and go to school full-time, balancing the two was the biggest challenge. As time goes by, you get used to the pattern and start adapting.

Once again, I look forward to my future and the possibilities that you have made all the more attainable.

Sincerely,  
Georgianna Hernandez

Scholarship Ceremony recipients and mentors



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recommended the recipients and established a working agreement with ACCD to provide mentoring services to the scholarship recipients. All three of the award recipients for 2006-07-08 have met the requirements for continued support and renewed their scholarships for 2007-08. Six new applicants were approved for consideration for 2007-08-09 and four of these applicants accepted the rewarded scholarships. The KWA funded the three renewals and four new students at a cost of \$22,000 (minus \$4,500 in earnings from the corpus). The Board just voted to contribute an additional \$6,000 to the Scholarship corpus and another \$6,000 to create a program of matching contributions from the community for 2007-08. See a nice article in this newsletter by Nancy about how you can contribute to this wonderful program with a matching donation to the ACCD-KWA Scholarship Corpus.

The environmental questions surrounding the Hike and Bike Trail and the Big Tex project have been under review by the EPA, the TCEQ, the COSA and the San Antonio River Association for the last year. Work was halted along the hike and bike trail this last year and as we now understand it, this work will commence again sometime this fall, following the guidelines established by the above referenced entities. Read an update from the EPA in this newsletter. The Constance/Crofton Park and amenities package, partially funded by KWA, was reviewed at this last KWA monthly meeting and plans should be finalized this fall with a spring 2008 construction schedule. The Eagleland pedestrian bridge is being installed this fall, and the Eagleland Park and amenities package, also with KWA's possible partial funding, should be finalized this fall and construction to begin in the spring.

Please participate in the Parking Questionnaire included as an insert in this newsletter. This is your chance to be heard on an extremely critical issue facing the neighborhood. From this survey, we will determine the desires of the neighborhood on a block-by-block basis and will take these answers to heart and try to implement the possible changes directed by these survey results. Several blocks within the neighborhood are being faced with parking issues that other blocks of the neighborhood do not presently face. If the blocks that are

presently affected elect to implement some type of parking restrictions, it is possible that these parking restrictions will then just move the issue into the blocks that are not presently affected. We look forward to your ideas and responses.

This last month, the Board addressed the allocation of monies earned, and as yet unallocated, from the last twelve months of operations. The Board decided to allocate these monies to three main categories of neighborhood obligation. The allocation was 30% to the Preservation/Historic Fund, 40% to the Permanent/Rainy Day Fund and 30% to the Community/Cultural Fund. There are several subcategories to each fund. Under the Community/Cultural Fund the Board elected to grant funding to the following applicants: \$6,000 to the Bonham Elementary School Library, \$9,000 to the Page Middle School Band, \$12,500 to the four SaySí onsite Programs, and \$5,000 to the Bonham Elementary School ArtSmart program.

In addition to the five subjects outlined above, we have numerous other programs and/or committees that might affect you directly or indirectly. They are: Architectural Review Committee, Sidewalk Reimbursement Program, Zoning and Code Enforcement, Pereida/S. St. Mary's Intersection Realignment, Utilities Conversion, Mission Trails River Improvement, Neighborhood Safety, Trains and Quiet Zone, Refugio Development, Graffiti Abatement, Newsletter Production and Distribution, and the Tourism Committee. We also try to keep in contact and share ideas and information with our District 1 and 5 councilwomen, the COSA manager's office, the Mayor's office, Southtown, SA Conservation Society and the Lavaca Neighborhood Association.

As you can see, the KWA is working as never before in its efforts to live up to our Mission Statement. Any time that you feel that you can contribute something to our neighborhood and that the KWA may be the vehicle to help you accomplish that task, please come forward. As you know, nothing ever gets done unless a dedicated volunteer steps forward and helps formulate a solution. Vaya con Dios!

J. Kit Walker,  
President 2005-2007



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**KW Neighbors Fight Back  
Against Crime at  
National Night Out**

Thank you to everyone who came together to strengthen neighborhood spirit and our community-police partnerships at one or more of the KW National Night Out parties on August 7! We had successful parties thanks to the various block party hosts and the participation of residents and City officials and employees. Special thanks go to Joe and Mary Helen Mansbach for hosting a party for the whole neighborhood and to Sherry Hess and Naomi Nye for hosting a King William West party.

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## Out in the Garden with Alan Cash

After a prolonged mild and wet spring, the summer heat and humidity have arrived with a vengeance. Too much of a good thing can have bad results. Professional landscapers are saying that above average rainfall this year can cause damage to red oak trees, causing them to die. Also, pecan trees have put on extra foliage and may be loaded with pecans. This extra weight may cause limbs of all sizes to break and fall without notice. This writer has experienced this three times in the past two months. One incident resulted in a four foot hole through a metal garage roof. With all the large pecan trees locally, be careful and if you hear a cracking sound be ready to run for cover.

Heavy rainfalls have caused a profusion of sucker limbs to sprout at the base of crepe myrtle trunks. These

should be removed because they take nutrients away from the plants' upper branches.

Here's another suggestion for a plant to add to shady areas of your garden next spring. I mention this now because a picture is worth a thousand words. Go by the corner of King William and



Sheridan Streets and look at the outstanding beds of white caladium bulbs around the trees along Sheridan Street. The white leaves seem to light up this dark shady area. Caladiums can be planted in early April and will last until the first frost. They generally do not return the next year and new bulbs must be planted each spring.

Now is a good time to notice which plants have performed well through the summer and make a list of which ones you may want to add to your garden. Notice where the plants are located in regards to sun and shade, and how big they get. Shrubs and perennials can be planted this fall and annuals in early spring, after the threat of frost is past. If you do not know the name of a plant, ask the resident gardener at the house who will probably be more than happy to provide the information.

Here is a tip I read. While working in the garden you can protect your arms from such things as poison ivy infection. Cut the toes out of a pair of socks and pull them up on your arms. The heel fits over the elbow just right. Then put on garden gloves.

There's not as much gardening to do in the heat of summer but this can be a good time to spread mulch around trees, shrubs, and in flower beds.

I hope readers enjoy the "garden note" that appears at the end of each gardening article. Thanks to a thoughtful friend who did some research, I have a good supply to last many, many months.

*Garden Note: Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "the earth laughs in flowers."*

## Big Tex Grain Update

The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has determined that the Big Tex Grain Site is eligible for the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP).

The Texas Voluntary Cleanup Statute specifies that the voluntary party (Big Tex) must enter into a voluntary cleanup agreement that sets forth terms and conditions of the evaluation of reports and plans to address contamination on-site. One of the conditions for eligibility into the VCP program is the approval of a Voluntary Party Workplan no later than August 31st by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the TCEQ.



Big Tex Site EPA Testing photo by Santiago Escobedo

The key issue is the EPA requires Big Tex to determine the nature and extent of contamination at the site by conducting activity based sampling. Activity based sampling is a standard method used by industrial hygienists to evaluate workplace exposures since no method has been found that reliably predicts the concentration of asbestos in air given the concentration of asbestos in soil. The EPA and the TCEQ will review the Workplan submitted by Big Tex to ensure that the Voluntary Party will address the on-site contamination in the interest of protecting human health and the environment. The EPA has worked diligently with TCEQ and Big Tex representatives in the last year in an attempt to remediate this site in a manner that is protective to public health, and it is the Agency's desire that this site be a model for urban-core redevelopment of contaminated Libby amphibole asbestos sites.

*Eric Delgado  
Federal On-Scene Coordinator, US EPA Region 6*



Some small trees planted along the curbs have suffered trunk damage due to grass trimming using "string" edgers. Many of the trees are those that have been planted as part of the on-going King William/Lavaca tree project. The vascular system that takes nutrients from a tree's roots to the upper branches is just beneath a tree's outer bark. If the bark is continuously slashed away because a string edger gets too close to the trunk, a tree can be severely damaged or die. If you or someone you hire has gotten a little too close to these newly planted trees, please be more careful. Over 200 trees have been planted throughout both neighborhoods and it would be a shame to lose any of this investment in improving the local environment.

Thanks to generous donations from neighbors, and local businesses and organizations, free trees will again be available this fall for planting along streets. Watch the newsletter in coming months for details.

*Alan Cash*



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## Graffiti Abatement in King William

For the past three years we have organized teams periodically to help clean up graffiti in our neighborhood. Graffiti is vandalism of public and private property. Graffiti is a crime and can be a Misdemeanor (if damage is less than \$500) or a Felony (if damage is more than \$500). Damage caused by the vandals in King William alone has run into the tens of thousands of dollars. Graffiti that is left on walls, poles, windows, utility boxes, etc. is a sign of community neglect and decay and only encourages more vandalism. It can adversely affect businesses because out-of-town patrons may not feel safe or comfortable. It can adversely affect property value as well. Graffiti painting is cyclical; the night before and the weekend of First Friday are the most active times for the vandals. For more information about graffiti see <http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/YouthGangs.htm>

We have used Malcolm Gladwell's (The Tipping Point) example of the New York City Subways. When the subways came in each night with graffiti, teams immediately painted them over. Over time, fewer and fewer instances occurred because the graffiti was not allowed to stay. Our hope is that over time constant vigilance and abatement will discourage the vandals and reduce the incidences in our neighborhood.

Residents in King William are very neighborhood conscious and generally take great pride in its historic heritage and presentation. But it does take neighborhood participation to keep it clean of graffiti. Mary Helen Mansbach is a stalwart committee member who has taken over the task of keeping graffiti cleaned in South King William. We are indeed grateful for the help of Ed Haverlah, Neil Leatherbury, Fernando Berrios, Tom Berg and others who have joined the team from time to time.

The City of San Antonio has a City Ordinance against graffiti (Article X entitled "GRAFFITI"). Among other things, the article states that it is the responsibility of the commercial property owner and businesses that get tagged to clean it off. Once reported the owner has 10 days to clean it up or otherwise pay a hefty fine. If the property owner does not respond, the COSA will place a lien on the property.

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# What's Happening: KWA Neighborhood Calendar

## September 2007

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                      | Sunday   |
|--|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
|  |   |   |   |   | 1                             | 2  |
| <b>Labor Day</b> 3<br><i>Office Closed</i>         | 4<br>Blue Star Brew:<br><b>Crimson Jazz<br/>Orchestra</b>     | 5<br><b>KWA Sept.<br/>General<br/>Meeting</b>     | 6<br>Slab Cinema:<br><b>The Van</b>                             | 7<br>+++++++ Church Theatre: <b>Doubt</b> +++++<br><b>First Friday Art Walk</b><br>Blue Star Brew: <b>Altered<br/>Natives</b><br>Filling Station: <b>Humble Blues<br/>All-Stars</b><br>Gemini Ink: <b>FF Reading</b><br>Jump-Start: <b>365 Days Project</b><br>SouthTown Cafe: <b>FF Dinner</b><br>SAY Sí: <b>The Human<br/>Landscape: FotoSeptiembre</b> | 8<br><b>Southtown Artwalk</b> | 9<br>+++++++   |
| 10   | 11<br>Blue Star Brew:<br><b>River City Big<br/>Band</b>       | 12<br><b>KWA Oct.<br/>Newsletter<br/>Deadline</b> | 13<br>Slab Cinema:<br><b>They Made Me a<br/>Criminal</b>        | 14<br>+++++++ Church Theatre: <b>Doubt</b> +++++  | 15                            | 16<br>+++++++  |
| 17   | 18<br>Blue Star<br>Brew: <b>SA Jazz<br/>Orchestra</b>         | 19<br><b>KWA Board<br/>Retreat</b>                | 20<br>Slab Cinema:<br><b>Great Guy</b>                          | 21<br>***** Jump-Start: <b>Rudolf Harst's Hurry Slowly</b> *****<br>+++++++ Church Theatre: <b>Doubt</b> +++++  | 22                            | 23<br>*****<br>Stories Galore:<br><b>Ruth Murphy</b> |
| 24<br><b>KWA Oct.<br/>Newsletter<br/>Mail Prep</b> | 25<br>Blue Star Brew:<br><b>Prime Time Jazz<br/>Orchestra</b> | 26<br>Jump-Start: <b>W-I-P</b>                    | 27<br>Slab Cinema<br><br>SouthTown Cafe:<br><b>Wine Tasting</b> | 28<br>*** Jump-Start: <b>Rudolf Harst's Hurry Slowly</b> ***<br>+++++++ Church Theatre: <b>Doubt</b> +++++  | 29                            | 30<br>+++++++  |

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**The KWA office will be closed on  
Monday, September 3, in observance of  
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9/5 Sept. General Meeting: Board  
Elections & Annual Report,  
7pm at Blue Star Brewing Co.  
9/12 Oct. Newsletter Deadline  
9/19 Annual Board Retreat, 6:30pm  
9/24 Oct. Newsletter Mail Prep,  
6pm at KWA office

### Looking Ahead...

10/3 Fall Potluck Social  
10/13 Annual KW Area Garage Sale  
10/17 Nov. Newsletter Deadline  
10/17 Oct. Board Meeting  
10/29 Nov. Newsletter Mail Prep

## *You Must Be an Old-Timer If You Remember . . . . .*

. . . . thirty years ago when our neighborhood was a bit rough around the edges. Soon after Joan and I bought our house in 1976, we attended our first KWA meeting at the old pool house behind the Steves Homestead. At this meeting, Egon Tausch, who lived on Madison just down the street from us, reported his encounter with a second story burglar. Egon was asleep in his upstairs front bedroom when he was awakened by someone coming through the window. He slept with a revolver at his bedside so he raised his pistol and warned the intruder that if he didn't leave the way he came in, he'd be shot. The man continued to advance so Egon shot him and the force of the charge propelled the intruder out the window by which he had entered. Egon ran to the window and saw a prone figure lying on the ground so he called the police and they carted the fellow away. The burglar later died from his wounds. No charges were filed.



Immediately upon recounting his story, Egon was accosted by an anti-gun crowd; many of whom were in attendance that evening. There were loud, vocal demands that guns be banned from King William. Finally, Walter Mathis, who was chairing the meeting, was able to restore order. Then he proceeded to tell his own amazing story.

Walter said he was upstairs at his home on King William Street one evening when he heard someone at a downstairs window. As he came out of his upstairs sitting room onto the stair landing, he saw the intruder attempting to make his way through the window. Walter quickly got his revolver and shouted his intent to fire. The man continued to advance, so Walter shot him. He then rushed to the upstairs front porch and, seeing the man attempting to flee, shot him again. After a lengthy interview with the police, the investigating officer allowed that Walter "probably should not have shot the fellow a second time since he was running away". But again, no charges were filed.

As you can imagine, the room became very quiet. Walter then asked if there was further discussion and there was none. The meeting continued without further interruption.

*Gates Whiteley*

. . . . before the King William Association bought the cottage on S. Alamo in 1991, we rented a small apartment in the Schug's house at 222 King William Street for our office. The apartment's living room was the main part of the office and the bedroom was the board room. In between the two rooms was the bathroom which you had to pass through to get from one room to the other. When there were several people in the office, it was always a bit comical with folks on both sides trying to figure out when the bathroom was in use. There was also a small kitchen which doubled as storage space. This crowded space also served as our fair headquarters.

*Alan Cash*

. . . . Jean Alexander-Williams was the part-time office manager for the King William Association through the 1980's until Maggie Konkle took over the job about 1990. Jean handled the entire operation by herself during those years without benefit of a computer. She was a frugal soul. To save money on postage, she sometimes delivered the newsletter to the neighbors on her bicycle.

*Bill Cogburn*

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## Graffiti Abatement in King William

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We are encouraged that the City has become more responsive as well. Erik Doyle, our SAFFE officer, has been a great help in providing a labor force to cover city property along the River Walk and Insko. The Southtown Office also can provide contact numbers for the city help desk.



Who can you call? Anyone who sees tagging on vacant buildings or public property can call the Graffiti Hotline at 207-4400 or 311 and report it. You can also call Veronica at 287-2185 to report graffiti or request assistance and supplies. For any graffiti seen along the River Walk, call 311 and notify the Parks Police Department or Parks Maintenance. The Parks Department is usually prompt in cleaning graffiti in the parks. We can provide you with information as well (223-6831). The City (Veronica's office) will provide paints, rollers, brushes, and will even deliver. The City will often send a crew to clean it up. This has happened several times in recent months with the Insko Building, once when vandals sprayed the side using a fire extinguisher filled with black paint on early Friday morning before First Friday. The paint extended from the bottom to top and almost end to end. The incidence was called that same morning and the City had a crew out and had it painted over by early afternoon.

When we organize graffiti clean up, we walk the neighborhood, list each site, note supplies needed (paint color or acetone). We inform the King William Association office who then sends out a notice announcing when and where volunteers are to meet. The King William Association furnishes the supplies (spray paint, rollers, gloves, etc.).

Finally, with the assistance of Officer Doyle, we are encouraged that we may be able to have a mural painted on the side of the Insko Building. Jon Hinojosa at Say Sí is assisting in this effort as well. The City has agreed to partial funding for an artist and supplies, and we are seeking matching funds.

*Molly and Harry Shafer*

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### 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 Cuidad 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. (aprobado 3/19/97)

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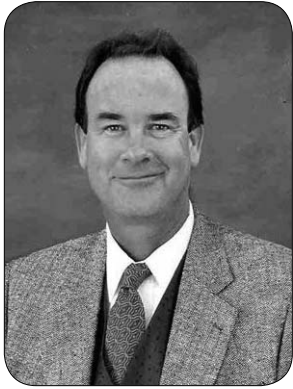
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**KWA General Membership Meeting**

Annual Report and Board Elections

Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m., at Blue Star Brewing Co.

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