The King William Home Tour, an annual event showcasing the historic preservation and renovation of Texas’ first historic district, will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This year’s chairperson is Anne Alexander, who is organizing the tour to feature homes within easy walking distance of each other on Washington, King William, and Madison Streets. Enjoy viewing a variety of architectural influences and hearing the stories of the houses — their beginnings and who built them, and something of the people who lived there throughout the years; for a house is but an empty shell without some tale of those who made it a home.

Ticket prices are $12 in advance and $15 on the day of the tour. Advance tickets will be available for purchase beginning November 5, 2007. Please refer to the advance ticket purchase instructions and order form on the next page for more details about purchasing advance tickets. Tickets will be available for purchase on tour day at The Ogé House, 209 Washington Street.

Proceeds from the King William Home Tour benefit the ACCD/Brackenridge High School college scholarship program, local schools, community art programs for children and young adults, and numerous community-wide infrastructure projects.

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Advance Ticket Purchase Instructions & Order Form

Purchase your Home Tour tickets in advance for only $12 each!

There are three ways to purchase advance tickets:

- Purchase tickets at the November General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 7 (see back page for meeting details).
- Visit the King William Association office at 1032 S. Alamo Street, San Antonio, 78210. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Complete this order form and mail it in with a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please send me _______ Home Tour tickets at $12 each. My check is made payable to the King William Association Home Tour in the amount of $__________ and is enclosed.

[ ] Please mail my ticket(s) to me in the enclosed SASE.  
[ ] Please hold my tickets for pick-up.*

Name__________________________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________________________
Phone_______________________________    Email_______________________________

Mail your order form, check, & SASE (if applicable) to:  
KWA Home Tour 2007, 1032 S. Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78210

Orders received after November 26th will be held for pick-up on tour day at The Ogé House, 209 Washington

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KW Home Tour 2007
Homes to be featured include (clockwise from top left):
- Former Home of Elvira Ramirez, 322 Washington
- Home of Mary Ann Ohlenbusch, 243 Madison
- The Jack Pancoast House (Home of Anne Alexander), 232 Washington
- The Joske House (Home of Jessie Simpson & Bill Hoover), 241 King William

shown on front page:
The Ogé House - Inn on the Riverwalk, 209 Washington

Home Tour Volunteers Needed
Volunteer just two hours of your time and receive free admission!
Docents and ticket sellers are needed on tour day from 11 AM–1 PM, 1–3 PM, and 3–5 PM. Contact Anne Alexander at 277-2775 or annealexander@satxrr.com to sign up to help make this year’s Home Tour a success.
GSA Hosting Federal Courthouse Public Meeting

Selecting a Federal Courthouse site is a significant event for both the Federal Government and the citizens of San Antonio. Consequently, the General Services Administration (GSA) will be conducting a public meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 from 6-10 PM in Ballroom B of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

Since 2000 the GSA has been conducting a site selection process in order to determine the location of the future US Courthouse in San Antonio. This Courthouse is necessary due to the expansion and security needs of the Fifth Circuit Courts in the Western District of Texas, needs which cannot be met in the current Wood Courthouse and Spears Training Center. After close coordination with the City government, approximately 18 sites were considered in the downtown area, of which the following three have been chosen as finalists (alphabetically listed):

- **Hemisfair Site** east of the current Federal Building on Durango
- **Police HQ Site** at Nueva and Santa Rosa
- **River Site** at Durango and Dwyer

An Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is currently being conducted for these three sites, and will be completed in early 2008. Although not required for an EA, a public meeting is being conducted to solicit input from the community regarding each of these three sites.

During the public meeting, a short summary of the project and site selection process will be given, and then maximum time will be allocated for public feedback. Written comments may be submitted during the meeting, and these will be referenced in the final EA report.

**Guidelines for the public comment period are as follows:**
- the public comment period will begin shortly after 6 PM, and end when all interested parties have spoken, or by 10 PM, whichever is earlier
- each speaker’s comments will be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes (for each site, one owner or owner’s representative will be allowed up to 5 minutes for comment)
- all speaker comments will be recorded by an independent recorder
- additionally, written comments, submitted on forms provided at the meeting, will also be addressed in the final EA Report.

The staff of GSA looks forward to hearing from you on November 14th; however, if you are unable to attend the meeting, visit their website at www.gsa.gov/sanantonioch, e-mail your comments to SA.Courthouse.Comments@gsa.gov, or write to: SA Courthouse Comments, GSA/7POB, 819 Taylor St., Room 12A, Fort Worth, TX 76102

King William residents are encouraged to attend this important meeting as some neighborhood residents have expressed concerns specifically about one site under consideration—the tract adjoining the San Antonio River and Dwyer Avenue. Adjacent commercial uses have already created traffic and parking issues in our neighborhood, and there is concern that the River/Dwyer Avenue site will severely compound these problems.
The Architectural Review Committee of King William

The City of San Antonio preserves its unique cultural heritage by setting aside certain areas as historic districts. The King William Historic District is one of those areas. By ordinance, every resident or business within an historic district must have approval from the San Antonio Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) before any building or renovation of a property. This includes painting, landscaping, fences, and signs.

The King William Association Board established the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) in 2007 to assist homeowners, residents, and businesses by reviewing individual projects before presenting their application to the HDRC. The ARC also submits a statement to the HDRC in favor of or against each King William area case on the HDRC agenda. The HDRC has final approval of all submitted projects.

The ARC consists of 9 members selected by the KWA Board. Four are practicing Architects, two others have architectural backgrounds, and three others represent a cross-section of professionals from within the community. The ARC is available to provide professional assistance as well as guidance in avoiding unnecessary delays in the HDRC process. The ARC provides from the combined experience of its members a history of similar projects and offers a professional consensus based on a hands-on experience in determining which way to proceed on a project.

The ARC will review your project’s merits including its appropriateness for the King William Historical District, as well as determining its relationship to its most immediate surroundings and neighbors. The ARC will provide assistance, guidance, and architectural expertise to anyone in King William who is going before the HDRC.

The ARC also wishes to share its collective education concerning the architectural integrity of the community of King William. Our goal is to guide, educate, and enhance the understanding of the applicant. And, of course, to continue to encourage a thoughtful design process for all King William residents and businesses.

The ARC meets at 6:00 p.m. on the Mondays prior to HDRC meetings. Contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or king.william@sbcglobal.net to schedule an appointment with the ARC.

For more information about the HDRC application process, visit www.sanantonio.gov/historic/formsapps.asp.

Henry Rayburn
33rd Annual San Antonio Marathon of the Americas®
Sunday, November 11th
This year's San Antonio Marathon course includes the King William area (see map). Access to our neighborhood will be limited on Sunday, November 11, from approximately 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. The San Antonio Police Department will be stationed at barricades throughout the neighborhood. You may enter and exit the neighborhood only during breaks in the marathon and only at the following approved locations: Pereida at S. Presa; Claudia at S. Presa; and S. Alamo at Probandt. S. St. Mary's will be on the route until approximately 1:00 p.m. – please use S. Alamo to enter/exit the neighborhood. The KWA Board would like to hear your feedback about this year's marathon. Please share your thoughts with any Board member or by contacting the KWA office. Visit www.samarathon.org for more information.

Recycle Your Paper at Bonham
Bonham Academy’s staff and students are making great effort to protect our environment by recycling their paper every day. Bonham can also be awarded money to benefit their school’s environmental protection efforts if they reach their recycling goal by March. Bonham is asking for your support by recycling your paper, magazines, catalogs, and folded boxes in their Abitibi recycling bin located in the back of the Bonham parking lot that is across the street from the Bonham gym at 1023 South St. Mary’s. Please add recycling to your errand route and bring your paper by once a week to help Bonham teach the children about environmental protection and show them how a community works together. Thank you!

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San Antonio Marathon Map
Readers: Last month’s article about the King William Park contained a reference to The Merry Knights of King William. The Merry Knights began as a boy’s club in our neighborhood almost one hundred years ago. Some of you were curious to know more about the club – well, a couple of people anyway, so I’ll tell you what I know and more. bc

The year was 1909. It was a hot sultry morning in late May when three neighborhood teenage boys gathered in the backyard of 208 King William Street, the home of fifteen year-old Arthur Bergstrom. Besides Arthur, there was Walter Giesecke from 218 Washington Street and Willard Berman from 338 Madison Street.

Bored and with the prospect of a long summer vacation from Bonham School #10, they began casting about for something to do. According to a written account by Arthur’s younger brother, Walter Bergstrom, it was Walter Giesecke who suggested the idea of forming a boy’s club. Willard Berman is said to have come up with the name for the club – The Merry Knights of King William.

With permission from Arthur’s parents, the upper floor of the Bergstrom’s carriage house would become the Merry Knight’s club-house. There was much to be done to make the space suitable for their purpose. The first order of business was to recruit additional members to form a work crew for the task ahead. Those new recruits were Ernst Schuchard who lived at 221 East Guenther and Percy Clarkson from 213 Washington Street. Next they brought on Albert and Werner Beckmann from 529 Madison (now 222 East Guenther), George Henyan, 202 Madison Street, Harry Ankerson, also from Madison Street, Henry Pancost at 203 King William and Frederick Bollinger from 236 King William Street.

Sixteen year-old Ernst Schuchard was considered to be the most talented in building construction so he was unanimously elected crew chief. First they rebuilt the rickety stair, then added a porch, anchoring it to a big hackberry tree. Next they cut holes in the walls to make windows for ventilation.

The boys scavenged lumber and other building materials from neighborhood construction sites. They gathered up mismatched rolls of wallpaper which they glued to the inside walls to seal the cracks. For furnishings, each member was charged to search all attics and cellars. After gathering up a good supply of old chairs, benches, tables and rugs, the boys were quite proud of their well furnished clubhouse.

The talented Ernst Schuchard was also put in charge of design and construction of club accoutrements. He fashioned grey and red shields and a wooden sword and spear for each knight. The robes and candles used for ceremonies and initiations were likely suggested by the Klu Klux Klan which was popular at the time.

Arthur Bergstrom’s mother wisely insisted that the boys stop using kerosene lamps and candles in the clubhouse for fear of fire. Dr. Stonewall Van Wie, who lived next door at 210 King William, came to their rescue by running an electrical line from his back porch to the club-house which kept the lights glowing for several years.

As time went on and the popularity of the club grew, their membership began to extend outside the King William neighborhood. Monthly activities also became more diversified to include weekend excursions to member family and friends’ weekend homes in such places as Helotes, Medina Lake and Boerne. Another addition to the club’s activities was the annual game dinner. For such special occasions, girlfriends were invited to the otherwise strictly male gatherings.

All too soon, the boys were growing up and heading off to college. Then in 1917 when the United States entered World War I, many joined the armed services leaving the clubhouse deserted. After the war was over, the boys began returning home and many of them resumed their old club ties. By then, the Merry Knights had outgrown their old clubhouse on King William Street so they began holding their monthly meetings in the homes of members.

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In spite of the club's lofty motto, songs, secret handshakes and strict membership rules, the only reason for its existence was for fun and camaraderie. Friendships formed in the Bergstrom carriage house lasted all their lives. Obituaries of early club members always proudly mention the deceased's membership in the Merry Knights along with other organizational ties and life accomplishments. The list of pallbearers almost always included two, sometimes three fellow Merry Knights, proof that membership in the old club had produced life-long bonds. The club continues to exist to this day.

Epilogue:
The four Beckmann brothers; Adolph, Albert, Werner and Kurt were all Merry Knights. Albert and Werner were founding members; Adolph and Kurt joined later. They were grandsons of Carl Helmer Guenther, the Pioneer Flour Mill founder. They were all born and raised in the Beckmann rancher-farmer near Charlotte, TX in Atascosa County where he lived until his death in 1951.

Werner graduated from the University of Texas with a law degree in 1914. After serving in WWI in the Judge Advocate's office at Fort Sam Houston, he established a successful law practice in San Antonio. He died in 1962.

The youngest brother, Kurt, received his architectural degree from the University of Texas in 1921. He was first associated with the firm of Giles and Beckmann then later with Ed Steves and Sons Lumber Company. He was the architect for his cousin Ernst Schuchard's house at 516 King William Street. He went on to design many of San Antonio's churches. He died in 1976.

Ernst Schuchard was also a grandson of the mill founder. After receiving his degree in mechanical engineering in 1917, Ernst returned to San Antonio to work in the Pioneer Flour Mill as Mill Engineer and later as a Director. In 1927, when he built his family's home at 516 King William Street, he designed it so his home office would be on the second floor front "so he could keep an eye on the mill". In 1954, he became the mill's fourth president after the death of Adolph Guenther Beckmann. Ernst Schuchard died in 1972.

Percy Clarkson began his career in the U. S. Army serving first in WWI. In WWII, as a Major General, he became commandant of the 33rd Infantry Division in the Pacific Theatre. He took command of the division in 1943 in Hawaii and led the unit in the battles of New Guinea and Luzon in the Philippines. His unit was the first to enter Japan after the surrender in 1945 where he remained as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Chief of Staff.

In the early 1950's, Gen. Clarkson was appointed director of atomic testing which included the H-bomb series in the Pacific in 1952 and 1954. After retirement, he returned to San Antonio where he died in 1962.

Bill Cogburn

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

I often tell people that the best thing about King William is not the houses—wonderful as they are. The best thing about the neighborhood is the neighbors. I believe that even more strongly since my recent knee surgery.

A beautiful bouquet from the Board of Directors made my hospital room a far more pleasant place to be. As soon as I got home from the hospital, neighbors began arriving with flowers and food, tasty treats and entire delicious meals. (Bill was especially appreciative!) There were concerned telephone calls and humorous cards. A cadre of neighborhood ladies chauffeured me to three weeks of therapy.

King William has got to be the best neighborhood in the City. It is certainly the best neighborhood we have ever lived in!

Roselyn Cogburn

**King William Neighbors Help School Children Learn City's History**

Twelve King William and Lavaca neighbors answered the call for help from the San Antonio Conservation Society to guide approximately six hundred fourth graders and their teachers through three hundred years of San Antonio history.

Without Erin Strauss, Marie Ann Smith, Hope Cortes, Anne Alexander, Margaret Leeds, Alan Cash, Edith Stockhardt, Joan Carabin, Karen Pleban, and Ed and Luz Day, the Heritage Tours of 2007 would not have been such a success.

Many thanks to these busy people who gave so generously of their time, energy and love of history.

Roselyn Cogburn
Out in the Garden
with Alan Cash

The year is winding down with fall approaching, but there is always something to do in the garden. Some of these comments may seem to be repeats but are good reminders.

Plant trees and shrubs now and until about mid-January and feed them with half strength liquid fertilizer all winter so that roots can become established before spring growth. Be aware of the mature size of what you plant so that it fits the space as it grows. There are free lists of plants adapted to our area in the bulletin board box on the front porch of the King William Association office at 1032 S. Alamo.

A good evergreen shrub to plant as a hedge or specimen bush is Xylosma. It will grow large, 8 feet tall and 5 feet wide, but can be kept trimmed to almost any size. Good examples can be seen at 516 and 503 E. Guenther. The hedge at 516 is several years old and the one at 503 was recently planted. Both are at the front sidewalks. Xylosma is drought tolerant once established, grows well in sun or part shade, and has almost no insect problems. Although its name is unusual, Xylosma can be found at most garden centers.

Fall is the best time to fertilize lawns and shrubs. Use a winterizer or organic type and follow bag directions. Do not use a "Weed and Feed" type of fertilizer. Our climate does not fit the time conditions needed for them to work.

Lawns and ground covers should be watered about every 3 weeks to a month during winter months to keep roots healthy. Put about 2 to 3 inches deep mulch around the base of trees and shrubs leaving a clear space of about 4 inches around the trunks.

We had an exceptionally wet summer this year and everything has grown literally like weeds. Check for low hanging tree and shrub limbs over walkways on your property so that pedestrians can get by. Wait until after Valentine's Day to do any major trimming.

If you need to bag leaves or have debris from trimming remember that the King William Association sells large and strong trash bags provided by the Beautify San Antonio Association. They are a good bargain and the funds go to a good cause.

South Central Texas is a great place to live and garden, and I think the following shows it. The other day I was walking along Beauregard St. and was stopped by a woman visiting San Antonio from Maine. She said she was admiring all the blooming plants at this time of year. She wanted to know "if it was because this is Texas". The tour guide in me could not resist and she left knowing what it is like living in our special place.

Garden Note: A good garden may have some weeds

Meet the Board
Janis De Lara,
KWA Board Member since 2007

What brought you to the King William neighborhood?
Love of the Historic District and its ambience.

What's the biggest issue facing the neighborhood that you want to address as a Board member?
Preserve the spirit of the neighborhood through thoughtful, careful management of change.

What book or movie have you recently enjoyed that you would recommend to others? (Alternatively, what is your all-time favorite book or movie?)
Book: Stormy Weather by Paulette Jiles
Movie: Ingmar Bergman's film--The Magic Flute by Mozart

What's your favorite local hangout (bar/restaurant/gallery/cafe/park/porch/shady spot/other)?
Madhatters or Taco Haven for dining.

If you were in the Federal Witness Protection Program and had to relocate to any other city in the world, where would you go?
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What's your favorite holiday?
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12/24/07-1/4/08 Office Closed, Happy Holidays!
You Must Be an Old-Timer If You Remember . . .

....the house that is now the Columns B&B on S. Alamo, until sometime in the late 1990’s was a used book store. The house next door, now nicely restored, had a concrete block addition on the front which housed an auto parts store. A fledgling theatre group eventually took over the space in the late 90’s calling themselves Jump Start Theatre. Now, of course, they are a well established and respected performance company located at Blue Star

Alan Cash

....when China Latina on S. Alamo was Rosario’s or even earlier when it was a car repair shop. I took Maggie Egan to lunch there one day soon after Rosario’s opened and she laughed when she saw that our table was sitting right where the old car lift used to be. When it was a garage, she said it was a constant irritant to the neighbors because, with no off-street parking, they parked cars two deep out front making it impossible to walk on the sidewalk.

Bill Cogburn

....when looking up at the second floor of an adjoining house was an adventure. Madeline Guyer saw a woman pour out the evening’s cooking grease and Margaret Larcade saw a man answer the call of nature.

Carolene Zehner

.....Joan and I have lived in King William since 1976 and we’ve never felt threatened or bothered in the least by problems that seem to face many inner city neighborhoods. But then, we were not here in the bad old days when this was essentially a red light district and crime was more of a problem.

John Larcade and I did take a walk through the Madison Apts. in the late 1970’s and actually saw residents shooting up in the hallway and in one of the rooms where the door had been left open. We reported this to the police and learned shortly thereafter that the chief of police actually owned the apartments at that time.

Thanks to the vigilance and hard work of fellow residents and Walter Mathis’ leadership, the police agreed to patrol regularly. Soon thereafter, the ownership of the Madison Apts. changed hands and things began to get better.

Our biggest problem today is the spin-off from first Friday and the trash left over from the Fair. No big deal compared to what this neighborhood was like thirty-five years ago.

Gates Whiteley

Compiled by Bill Cogburn
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November Stories Galore to Feature
Doc Moore and Tim Tingle
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hosted by Elder Stone for experienced and beginning storytellers and listeners, continues with the last session of 2007 on Sunday, November 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 Tellers”, persons of some renown as talespinners, are Doc Moore and Tim Tingle. Doc Moore is a nationally-known storyteller, a teacher of storytelling, and, in 2004, received the John Henry Faulk Storytelling Award in Denton, Texas. Tim Tingle is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, authored the book “Walking the Choctaw Road”, and is a promoter of literacy throughout the southwest. In 2005, Tim and Doc co-authored a book, “Spooky Texas Tales”. Don’t miss this chance to make your 2007 complete by seeing and hearing this distinguished duo.

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King William Neighborhood Crime Statistics* Top Call-in Reports September 2007

Nature of Call # of Calls
Disturbance 20
Traffic Violation 13
Criminal Mischief 7
Suspicious Person 6
Burglary 6
Ordinance Violation 6
Burglary Vehicle 5
Fire 4
Vehicle Theft 3
Major Accident 3

First Friday (p.m.)
Police Calls 33

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

MISSION STATEMENT
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 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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KWA November General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.
Blue Star Brewing Co., 1414 S. Alamo

• As part of his national book tour which launched in New York City, author and King William resident Roy R. Pachecano offers the 'story behind the story' about his new release, "The Nix Houses, Innovation and Style in Texas' Oldest Historic District." Come find out things you didn't know and content that was edited out of the book. The subtitle to this book lecture is “Green Development versus Historic Preservation: Collision or Collaboration?” Roy’s comments about this important issue facing us all will segue into the Utility Conversion Committee’s presentation.

• The King William Utility Conversion Committee will present preliminary estimates of the neighborhood-wide program to bury utilities. General estimates of cost, time frames, fundraising requirements, etc will be discussed. Please join us for this exciting proposal. We anticipate a 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dialogue.

• King William Home Tour advance tickets will be available to purchase at the meeting. See pages 1 and 2 for more details.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.
Two complimentary beverages per person.