

Lavaca/King William  
Extreme Target  
Sweep  
February 2-27, 2009

The Lavaca and King William neighborhoods are the recipients of a combined City of San Antonio Extreme Target Sweep from February 2-27, 2009. The Sweep program coordinates a comprehensive package of City services to enhance the appearance of the target neighborhoods and encourage long-term property maintenance.

With the creation of the CoSA's Housing & Neighborhood Services Department came the implementation of a program for service delivery, known as the "Targeted Neighborhood Sweep Program." This program was conceptualized to coordinate a comprehensive package of city services to enhance the appearance of the target neighborhoods and encourage long-term property maintenance. Originally the Target Neighborhood Sweep Program was designed to coordinate a two week delivery of a comprehensive package of city services. In 2006, the program was enhanced to provide a month long comprehensive bundle of city services to be conducted in one selected neighborhood in each council district in addition to year long follow up services.

In an innovative approach, the Extreme Target Sweep program has established a satellite City Hall through the use of a mobile unit where residents can communicate with a designated Special Projects Coordinator. In the command post, residents can voice their concerns and inquire about all city services. The command post for the Lavaca/King William Sweep will be held at the KWA office for at least part of the Sweep.

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# The Newsletter

OF THE KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION

KWA Newsletter Volume 5, #1 February 2009 [kingwilliamassociation.org](http://kingwilliamassociation.org)

## King William Holiday Home Tour 2008 Thanks



Volunteers hard at work.

We had another successful Home Tour thanks to a phalanx of volunteers.

I want to thank the homeowners: the Hammanns, Shafers, Janie Barrera, and Sonny Collins, as well as the Jackson House and the San Antonio Art League & Museum for opening their doors to the public for the day.

Home Chairs Robin Raquet, Seahn Lobb, Erin and Olin Strauss, Beth Davis, Mary Grace Ketner, and Roselyn Cogburn made sure each house was staffed with well-informed, cheerful docents.

Hope Garza-Cortés and her refreshments crew made all our visitors feel welcome. Thanks again and again to all the neighborhood cookie bakers who donated home-baked cookies.

Tina Garza and her ticket sellers did a wonderful job selling tickets and books and checking visitors in at the San Antonio Art League & Museum.

Bill Cogburn and his security guard made sure all the money collected got safely to the office at the end of the day.

And many thanks, for the second year, to Nancy and Marley Diehl for producing a stunning brochure.

It takes a village to run a Home Tour! I hope someone will step up and take over for 2009. I'll help.

With gratitude to all my generous neighbors,  
*Anne Alexander*

## Fair Focus 2009: Applications Online and Key Volunteers Needed

**King William Fair Day 2009  
is Saturday, April 25**  
[www.kwfair.org](http://www.kwfair.org)

### Applications Online

The Fair is looking for creative artisans, entertaining performers, delicious food, fun parade entries, and engaging kid's activities! Applications for the Fair are available online. Visit [www.kwfair.org/vendors](http://www.kwfair.org/vendors) for more details and to apply.

The application deadlines are:

**Art & Craft** - January 28

**Entertainment** - February 25

**Food** - February 25

**Parade** - March 4

**Kids Kingdom** - TBD

### Key Volunteers Needed

Your time and talents are needed for the Fair! A variety of volunteer jobs are available, including the following key volunteer positions:

**Stage Managers** - oversee Fair Day lineup for one of our performance areas

**Veterans Parade Entry Liaison**

- coordinate veterans entry and ride a Segway in the Parade

**Kids Parade Entry Driver** -

drive flatbed truck/trailer for neighborhood kids entry in the Parade

**First Aid Manager**

**Valero Volunteer Booth Liaison**

Most key volunteer positions require some preparation time before the Fair and some, but not all, of your time on Fair Day.

Contact the Fair office at [kwfair@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kwfair@sbcglobal.net) or 271-FAIR for more details and to volunteer. Thank you!

## Lavaca/King William Extreme Target Sweep February 2-27, 2009

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Please join us at our **February General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. at Blue Star Brewing Co. (1414 S. Alamo) for a special presentation about the improvements the Sweep will bring to the neighborhood.** Joe Frank Picazo, CoSA's Neighborhood Services Coordinator, and his team will be on hand to answer your questions and listen to your requests for service.

Please report any issues or concerns you may have to:

### Joe Frank Picazo

Neighborhood Services

Coordinator

Housing & Neighborhood Services  
Department

Mobile: 219-5933

Email: [Joe.Picazo@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Joe.Picazo@sanantonio.gov)

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## Letter to the Editor

I would like to put the King William Fair parade conversation in perspective. The Fair Chairman has welcomed input on the parade but I don't really think that the KWA Newsletter is the appropriate forum on this matter. It is now February, and most all of the Fair preparations are already set in place. We don't really have the time go back and forth each month in the newsletter to try to reach consensus on KWF parade matters.

Probably, due to timeliness, the parade should go ahead as planned this year. Then, after the annual Fair de-briefing and accounting wrap-up, before the report to the membership, the matter should be considered for next year's Fair.

Is there an official KWA Board Fair Oversight Body? I know that there is an official KWF operating manual. In it should be not just procedures and standards, etc. It should state the association's goals and objectives of our Fair and its parade. Historically it has been KWA's goal to present the Fair as a family-friendly gift to the whole city. It is about showing off our neighborhood and making friends.

The parade is the official kick-off, integral to our Fair, and not simply an event. It has always been unabashedly democratic. The parade is about inclusiveness, togetherness. No matter what the route, at its heart it is not just about the opportunity to throw a private party.

I do not think this particular decision is the responsibility of the Fair Chairman alone.

I propose that the Chairman gather input, make a recommendation and then take up the matter with the Board, who can find a consensus, then present the results to the membership, whenever time permits.

*Robin Raquet*

## Meet the Board: Molly Shafer

KWA Board Member since 2008

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



My husband and I retired to San Antonio after we bought and renovated the loft where we now live.

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

Keeping the King William infrastructure.

**What book or movie have you enjoyed recently that you would recommend to others?**

I liked the movie "Frozen River" which had a wonderful performance by Melissa Leo.

**What's your favorite place in San Antonio to take friends or family who come here from out of town?**

They all like the River Walk from the King William area to the end.

**What is your favorite vacation spot outside of San Antonio?**

Vancouver or Copenhagen

**Do you canoe?**

I did in camp when I was a teen-ager but not since then.

## Meet the Board: Sherry Hess

KWA Board Member since 2008

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

My husband and I love art and festivals and were driving downtown to attend these events; it just made sense to try to live closer to where we love to spend our leisure time. Since moving here, my husband has begun playing regularly at the Landing--he's a jazz musician. He rides his bike to the gig, which is great!

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

I want to be more in touch with my neighbors in King William West (across the river) and see what their concerns are and then advocate for them.

**What book or movie have you enjoyed recently that you would recommend to others?**

I'm enjoying a new book by Kate Christenson, "The Great Man." It's about 4 women who loved a great painter, who died 5 years earlier. Two biographers have come around to ask questions as they write about this great man. Of course, there is so much more to the man than his art. It's funny and poignant, very well written.

**What's your favorite place in San Antonio to take friends or family who come here from out of town?**

Mission San Jose. It's the real deal.

**What is your favorite vacation spot outside of San Antonio?**

I'm a birder, so I take a yearly trip to S. Padre for the spring migration. I've been other places, but I probably get more enjoyment from this annual pilgrimage. The accompanying picture is in our new wildscape, which is a garden planted with food, water and cover for birds and other wildlife.

**Do you canoe?**

I used to, but for the last 2 years I have been kayaking. I paddle on the weekends with a group called the "Saturday Paddlers." We go on the rivers around SA.



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## Louise (Lou) Terwey

### 1956 - 2008

Louise (Lou) Terwey of 311 Mission Street died on December 30, 2008, at the age of 52 years, following a life well lived. Lou grew up in Long Prairie, Minnesota, in a loving home with her parents and nine siblings. After receiving a teaching degree, she left Minnesota to work with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps as a teacher in downtown Los Angeles. Lou came to San Antonio in 1982 to teach at St. Martin Hall at Our Lady of the Lake University, where she later received her master's degree in English. For the past ten years, Lou was a high school English teacher at the Healy-Murphy Center, a challenging job that she loved.



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*Her lasting memory will be her charitable spirit, optimistic attitude, and heartfelt devotion to her family, students and friends.*

Lou moved to King William in 1990 when she bought into the multi-unit fixer-upper on Mission Street. Years of hard work and restoration savvy resulted in her cheerful yellow home with the welcoming front porch rocking chairs. Lou's pastimes included woodworking, crossword puzzles and reading. She was a formidable Scrabble player and a quick-witted conversationalist. Lou served on the Board of the King William Association from 1997 through 1999. Her sister Martha Benton moved to King William a few years ago and will continue to live in their home. Lou is survived by her dear mother and siblings, many beloved nieces and nephews, and her friend Oscar Felan.

Lou was a model of quiet grace. Her lasting memory will be her charitable spirit, optimistic attitude, and heartfelt devotion to her family, students and friends. Lou lived many years with cancer but never questioned the injustice or pain. She complained only that the disease required her to quit teaching. Lou's funeral mass included eulogies and music by her siblings, Healy-Murphy colleagues and the Sisters of the Holy Spirit Convent. Always thinking of others before herself, Lou asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Healy-Murphy Center, 618 Live Oak, SATX 78202.

Marita Emmett

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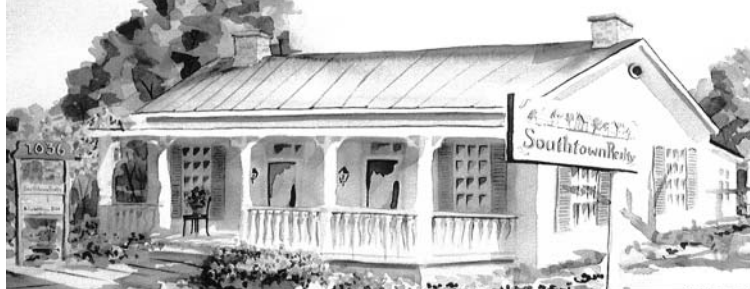
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## Farewell to the Colonel: Alva Connor 1915 - 2008



Alva Connor was born June 14, 1915, and died peacefully on November 25, 2008, at the home that he loved at 317 King William Street. He and his wife, Hazel, moved to our

neighborhood in 1972, a few years after his retirement from the Air Force.

Al joined the Army Air Force immediately after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. He came to San Antonio from his boyhood home in Hamilton, Texas, to take the Flying Cadets test at Kelly Field. After advance pilot training at Douglas, Arizona, he and his crew went first to England then on to North Africa. In 1944, he flew twenty-four bombing missions over Germany. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Presidential Citation as well as five air medals.

After the war, he was involved with the planning and execution of the Berlin Airlift. In the 1950s, his family joined him in England where they lived for several years. While there, Al served as a British Squadron Commander in an officer exchange program. He went on to become a USAF test pilot.

Al liked to reminisce about their first introduction to our neighborhood in 1972 when King William was still early in its renaissance. After finding the Heusinger House at 317 King William for sale, they were interested in buying it but the owners wouldn't allow them or anyone else inside to see it. Six months later, when they

finally reached an agreement on the price, they had all kinds of trouble getting the owners and their four dogs to vacate. Besides the owners quarters, they found that there were also seven other awful apartments in the house. Al said that it was just as well that they hadn't seen the inside or they would have never bought it. After their initial regrets however, Al said that the challenge of restoring it over the next few years gave both of them much joy and satisfaction.

During one of my last visits with Al, though weak and frail, he never complained but instead, wanted to talk about the good things that life had offered him. He said that he had been richly blessed and began to innumerate his good fortune.

"First," he said, "God gave me a faithful companion who stood by my side for sixty-five years. Then we had the good fortune to find this great neighborhood. I've lived here in this house for thirty-six years and most of them were good years. I've had good, caring friends and good neighbors.

I've been blessed to have John and Deb Doski next door. They have been wonderful to me. They have been faithful to look in on me often and also did the same for Hazel in her last days. I couldn't have stayed in this house after Hazel died if not for my caretaker, Mary Jane. She's been a blessing to me." "So you see," he said, "how can I possibly complain? Life has been very good to me."

Al's wife Hazel preceded him in death in 2004. They can be remembered with a contribution to the Alva and Hazel Conner Memorial Fund, which benefits the Brackenridge High School Library. Donations should be sent to the KWA office.

Bill Cogburn



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## New City of San Antonio Animal Care Ordinances

More than 26,000 unwanted animals were euthanized at the City of San Antonio's Animal Care Services during 2008 alone. In order to help decrease the city's unwanted animal population, as of January 1, dogs in the city of San Antonio should be spayed or neutered. Owners who don't have their dogs fixed are now required to purchase an intact dog permit annually at the cost of \$50 per year. Intact animals must also be housed inside. Animal Care Services strongly urges all pet owners to have their animals spayed or neutered. Call ACS at 207-6652 for their assistance in getting your animal fixed. Non-compliance with this new city ordinance can result in citations and mandatory court appearances.

In addition, any person whose dog or cat has a litter must obtain a litter permit either prior to the birth or within ten business days from the date of the litter's birth. A permit costs \$50 and only allows for one litter per female dog or cat in any 12-month period. If a permit is not obtained, Animal Care Services can impound your pet and her litter. There is a requirement that the permit be displayed in all advertisements or notices about the litter, including ads to sell, give away, or trade any members of the litter.

All animals are required to be licensed by the city. Licensing consists of a current rabies vaccine and a microchip. Microchips are a safe, permanent form of identification and are implanted in a simple one-time procedure at your vet. Animal shelters and vet clinics now scan all animals upon intake. A microchip containing the owner's contact information is read by the scanner, making it easy for the animal to be returned to its owner. Once your pet is microchipped and has a current rabies vaccine, a city license is now FREE. To license your pet, fax the rabies certificate and your microchip number to 207-6673. You can also mail it to: City of San Antonio Animal Care Services, 4710 State Hwy 151, San Antonio, TX, 78227.

*Marley Diehl*

## Spay/Neuter Reimbursement Funds and Cat Traps Available

The KWA continues to offer reimbursement for the spaying and neutering of neighborhood cats and dogs. We also have cat traps available for borrowing. Contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or [king.william@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbcglobal.net) for more details.

## Feral Cat Workshops for 2009

**WHAT:** Do you feed outdoor cats? Concerned about their increasing numbers & safety? Come learn why TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) is the only method that works effectively. The workshop will provide tips and instructions on how to safely and humanely reduce the free-roaming cat population in your community. Trapping and killing cats is inhumane and does not stop the outdoor cat population from increasing. The workshop will explain everything you need to know about the TNR process, free loan of traps, low-cost spay/neuter options, recovery protocols after spay/neuter surgery, how to help solve cat nuisance problems and safely manage outdoor cat populations. Sponsored by the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition.

**WHEN & WHERE:** Workshops are held on first Sundays of each month from 2 - 4 p.m. at various San Antonio Public Libraries.

**MORE INFO:** Visit [www.sanantonioperalcats.org](http://www.sanantonioperalcats.org) or call 877-9067 for more information and to register.

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# What's Happening: KWA Neighborhood Calendar

## February 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3 Blue Star Brew: Crimson Jazz Orchestra	4 KWA February General Membership Meeting	5	6 Southtown: First Friday SAY Si: Small Scale Work Preview	7	8
<i>LAVACA/KING WILLIAM EXTREME TARGET SWEEP</i>						
9	10 Blue Star Brew: River City Big Band	11 KWA March Newsletter Deadline  Blue Star Brew: Ed Sherry/Mixed Emotions Big Band	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> Southtown: Second Saturday Artwalk	15 Stories Galore: Mary Grace Ketner
<i>LAVACA/KING WILLIAM EXTREME TARGET SWEEP</i>						
<i>Presidents' Day</i> 16 KWA Office Closed	17 Blue Star Brew: San Antonio Jazz Orchestra	18 KWA February Board Meeting	19	20	21	22
<i>LAVACA/KING WILLIAM EXTREME TARGET SWEEP</i>						
23 KWA March Newsletter Mail Prep	24 Blue Star Brew: Primetime Jazz Orchestra	25 Jump-Start: W-I-P	26	27 SAY Si: Small Scale Work Fundraiser	28	
<i>LAVACA/KING WILLIAM EXTREME TARGET SWEEP</i>						

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226-0888  
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476-8801  
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## King William Association

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### FEBRUARY 2009

- The KWA office will be closed on February 16.*
- 2/2-27 Lavaca/King William Extreme Target Sweep
  - 2/4 February General Membership Meeting, 7pm at Blue Star Brewing Co.
  - 2/11 March Newsletter Deadline
  - 2/18 February Board Meeting, 7pm at KWA office
  - 2/23 March Newsletter Mail Prep, 6pm at KWA office

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- 3/4 March General Membership Meeting, 7pm at Blue Star Brewing Co.
- 3/11 April Newsletter Deadline
- 3/18 March Board Meeting, 7pm at KWA office
- 3/23 April Newsletter Mail Prep, 6pm at KWA office
- 3/25 Fiesta Edition Newsletter Deadline

# What's Happening: Community Events

## St. John's First Friday Concert on February 6

**WHAT:** The next St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church First Friday Concert features a "Baroque Concert" with Angela Malek, soprano, John Stuart, cellist, and Victor Schaper, harpsichordist. The concert is free and will be followed by a delightful, light lunch in Memorial Hall.

**WHEN:** First Friday, Feb. 6, 12:05 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 502 E. Nueva (across from La Villita, limited free parking available)

**MORE INFO:** Visit [www.stjohnsroost-erchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsroost-erchurch.org).

## King William Resident Mary Grace Ketner Featured at Stories Galore on February 15

**WHAT:** Stories Galore, a free story-swap hosted by Elder Stone for experienced and beginning storytellers and listeners, kicks off the year with "Stellar Teller" Mary Grace Ketner, a resident of King William. Mary Grace has many stories to share about Texas, and she might even tell a story about her new grandbaby. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy Mary Grace's stories!

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 15, 5-7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Commander's House, 645 S. Main.

**MORE INFO:** Call Elder Stone at 673-4468.

## 12th Annual Small Scale Work for a Larger Cause on February 27

**WHAT:** SAY Sí's annual silent auction fundraiser features over 200 small-scale artworks by San Antonio's premier visual artists. Enjoy delectable food and live entertainment throughout the evening. SAY Sí receives 100% of the



proceeds from the evening. Tickets are \$40 per person pre-sale and \$50 per person at the door.

**WHEN:** Friday, February 27, 5:30 - 9 p.m. (Preview the artwork on First Friday, February 6, 6 - 9 p.m.)

**WHERE:** SAY Sí Central, 1518 S. Alamo

**MORE INFO & TICKETS:** Call 212-8666 or visit [www.saysi.org](http://www.saysi.org).



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## Gemini Ink February Events

**WHAT & WHEN:** Black and Blue: 400 Years of Struggle and Transcendence (Monday, February 2, 7 p.m. at McAllister Auditorium, free)

First Thursday Reading with Billy Taylor and Cary Clack (Thursday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. at Brook Hollow Library, free)

Autograph Series Colloquium/Luncheon with National Book Award-winner Ha Jin (Sunday, February 15, 11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Pearl Stable, \$50/seat or \$350/table of eight)

Autograph Series Public Reading with National Book Award-winner Ha Jin (Sunday, February 15, 7 - 9 p.m. at Russell Hill Rogers Theater, free)

Most events are free and open to the public.

**WHERE:** Events are held at various locations. Please contact Gemini Ink for more details.

**MORE INFO:** Visit [www.geminiink.org](http://www.geminiink.org) or call 734-9673.

## Spring Blood Drive at Mission Restaurant Supply on March 13

**WHAT:** Mission Restaurant Supply is hosting a Spring Blood Drive with the South Texas Blood Bank. Blood donors will receive a free chop-n-chop cutting mat and a Mission Restaurant Supply

discount coupon.

**WHEN:** Friday, March 13, 1 - 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mission Restaurant Supply, 1126 S. St. Mary's (Blood Mobile in parking lot on S. Presa Street side of store)

**MORE INFO:** Visit [www.bloodntissue.org](http://www.bloodntissue.org) or call 731-5555.



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## Texas Contemporary Artists Series Featuring Luis Valderas through March 29

**WHAT:** Texas Contemporary Artists Series exhibit featuring Luis Valderas, curated by Arturo Almeida. Born and raised deep in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, Luis Valderas is a prolific native son whose work frequently includes references to both modern and ancient cultural roots. This exhibit features 12 Valderas pieces, including El Sur Pacific—1945, an inlaid woodcut inspired by the stories his father told Valderas as a child about his experience serving in the South Pacific in World War II.

**WHEN:** Exhibit runs through Sunday, March 29.

**WHERE:** UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures, 801 S. Bowie

**MORE INFO:** Visit [www.TexanCultures.com](http://www.TexanCultures.com) or call 458-2330.

## Movies by Moonlight Returns March 5th

**WHAT:** Slab Cinema's collaboration with the City of San Antonio continues with a new series of free family films.

**WHEN:** Thursday Nights at dusk

**WHERE:** HemisFair Park

**MORE INFO:** Visit [slabcinema.com](http://slabcinema.com)





## *Out in the Garden* with Alan Cash



H a p p y  
New Year.  
Once again  
we are about  
to start another  
year of gardening.

W i n t e r has generally been mild up to this point and it is not far to the first week of March, which is our average last frost. It was an exceptionally dry 2008. San Antonio normally gets about 34 inches of rain annually. In my rain gauge on Mission Street, I measured only 15 1/4 inches. Four months had only traces of rain but oddly July and August were the wettest with 4 5/8 and 5 1/2 inches respectively. The past year has gone down in the record books as one of our driest. Unless we receive some very good spring rains, we can look forward to early restrictions on water use. Since 40 percent of water usage typically goes for landscaping, we are going to have to be creative to have beautiful gardens. The use of drought tolerant plants is primary in achieving that goal. A free list of such plants for our area is available in the bulletin board on the porch of the KWA office. Help yourself and pass some along to your friends and neighbors. Another way to reduce water usage is to keep mulch around shrubs and in flower beds to a depth of at least 3 inches. Mulching also reduces the number of unwanted weeds.

To get a good start on the growing season, now is the best time to trim back shrubs and plants to pro-

mote healthy new growth in spring. Start trimming around Valentine's Day. Trimming causes plants to start putting on new growth and by the time that happens it will be past that last average frost time. Following is a list of common plants that should be trimmed now. Some or all may not have died back yet due to the mild winter, but should be cut back, even if they have a few blooms. The plants to trim back now include: esparanza, lantana, firebush, plumbago, thryalis, oleander, and pride of Barbados. Cut them back to about 6 inches high. That may seem extreme but you will be pleasantly rewarded as the growing season progresses.

Some plants have special needs. For instance, nandinas should be trimmed by cutting about one fourth of the tallest stems down to about 2 inches from the ground. Since nandinas bush out from where they are cut, any higher would result in the lower part of the bush being bare. Some plants bloom at the very start of spring on what is referred to as "old wood" and should not be trimmed until after they bloom. These include bridal wreath, climbing roses, flowering quince and mountain laurel. Annuals such as begonias and impatiens that may have survived don't do well as they get older and should be discarded and new plants purchased as they become available.

Except for climbers, roses should be cut back now to promote vigorous new growth and more spring flowers. Mature roses, more than 2 years old, should be

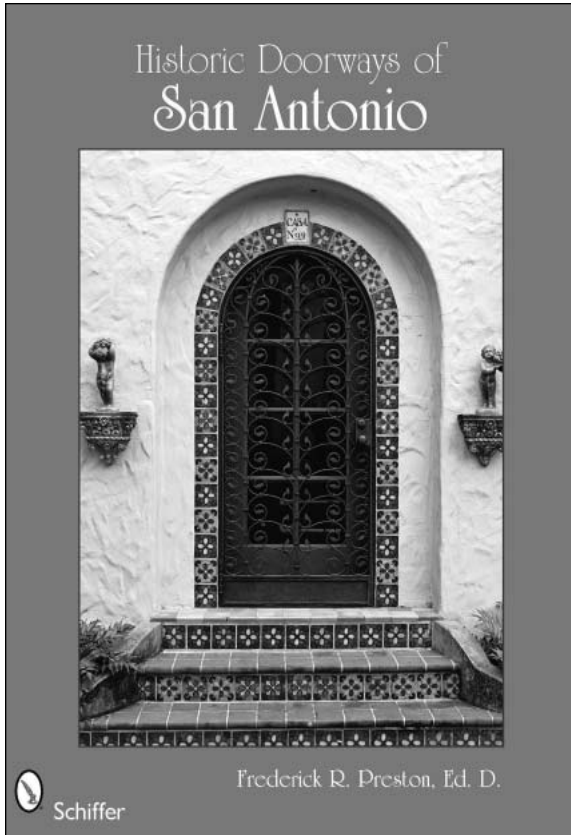
cut back by about half no matter how tall or short they are. Cut off stems growing toward the center of the bush to increase air circulation in the center of the plant and to reduce disease. Many of us buy roses in the spring when they are blooming. Better selections are those classed as "antique roses" or hybrid teas. These are long lived, require less water, and are disease resistant. Two such roses considered favorites by rose gardeners are Mrs. Dudley Cross and Mutabilis. The Cross rose, sometimes called grandma's rose, is usually the one found growing in neglected areas because of its hardiness. Mutabilis, also called the butterfly rose, has a single 5 petal flower that starts out apricot in color and changes to light and then dark pink. When in bloom the bush appears to be covered with butterflies.

Nurseries will soon have a supply of annual plants for sale. Buy now to get a good selection and price but wait to plant them after the threat of frost is past in mid-March. If you plan to fertilize your lawn grass in spring, wait until it has been cut at least twice to be sure the roots are actively growing and can use the nutrients. Using a good organic fertilizer reduces the possible buildup of chemicals in the soil and water supply. Organic fertilizers do not burn the grass and do not have to be watered in immediately after their application.

*Garden Note: Gardening is a matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it.*

## New Publication Features 37 King William Doorways

Historic Doorways of San Antonio, a new book by Dr. Frederick R. Preston, showcases the elegance and diversity of San Antonio's historical architecture.



The book features over 180 color photographs of beautiful doorways shot downtown, at the church missions, and throughout the King William and Monte Vista Historic Districts.

"You wish you could grab a knob and walk into the past, when life moved at a slower pace," writes Judge Nelson W. Wolff in his foreword to this book. The broad range of entrance styles also represents many prominent architects who contributed to the city's development. This inventory of beautiful and eclectic doorways will inspire and inform architects, preservationists, photographers, and everyone considering remodeling the front exterior of their home.

The book is available locally at The Twig Book Shop, San Antonio Museum of Art Gift Shop, and On Main Off Main. It is also available online at [www.SchifferBook.com](http://www.SchifferBook.com) and [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com).

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# Alert Neighbors Make Safer Neighborhoods

Last fall's rash of house and auto burglaries and vandalism in King William and Lavaca made the October 25 COP (Citizens on Patrol) class doubly interesting to KW and Lavaca neighbors Jim Gillette, Elvia Quijano, Carmen Nava-Fischer, Max Hensley, Lori Hall, Rebecca Kary and Roselyn Cogburn.

SAPD Officers Felipe Santos Jr. and Steve Ornelas assisted by COP President Mina Lopez presented interesting statistics on crime in San Antonio and ways to prevent crime in our neighborhoods.

Our most effective crime prevention tools are our eyes and our telephones. As we walk or drive through our neighborhoods, we need to be aware of anything or anyone unusual. Carry your cell phone or a pencil and paper when you walk your dog or exercise. Call 911 immediately for a crime in progress including graffiti painting and disorderly conduct by inebriated or mentally ill persons.

Call the SAPD non-emergency number, 207-SAPD, or 311 to report a burglary or vandalism which has already happened, loud music, public urination, public intoxication, pan-handling, overnight camping and code compliance violations.

Response to calls is in relation to the level of emergency, ex: bleeding before noise, but all calls will be investigated as soon as SAPD's 2200 officers can get to it. SAFTE Officers Doyle and Strothman can often respond quickly when they are on duty. Bicycle Patrolmen and Park Policemen in the area will be notified by the SAPD dispatcher.

You do not have to give your name when you report a crime, but you may give your name and ask for a case number if you wish to know the outcome of the case. No information on the person who reports a crime is released to the suspected individual or anyone else.

Be prepared to give as many details as you can: What happened or is happening? Address or location? Description of suspect? Description of automobile: make, model, color, license number?

Report graffiti in progress to 911; graffiti on public property to 311; graffiti on utility poles and boxes (CPS, AT&T etc.) to [www.sanantonio.gov/graffiti](http://www.sanantonio.gov/graffiti).

Don't be afraid to call often. Don't think SAPD will ignore a frequent caller. SAPD needs to know what is going on in our neighborhoods. The more calls SAPD gets, the more officers will be assigned to King William and Lavaca.

*Roselyn Cogburn*



## COP (Cellular on Patrol) Classes for 2009

**WHAT:** The COP program prepares neighborhood residents to be the "eyes and ears" of the police and promotes closer cooperation between residents and the city agencies that exist to serve them. This is a great opportunity to become involved in our neighborhood and to take part in helping to increase neighborhood safety.

**WHEN:** February 10 & 17, March 10 & 17, May 16 (refresher only), July 14 & 21, August 8 (refresher only), September 8 & 15, and October 10 (new & refresher). Tuesday classes are 6-10 p.m., Saturday classes are 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** SAPD Central Substation, 515 S. Frio

**MORE INFO:** Contact Officer Felipe Santos Jr. at 207-4164 or visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/cop.asp> for more information and to register.



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The Newsletter will not publish contributions or advertisements that could be considered by most readers to be offensive in terms of taste, decency, or tone.

The Newsletter will not publish personal grievances with neighbors or neighborhood businesses. Complaints of this type should be taken up directly with the neighbor or business, with the board of the KWA, or with the City of San Antonio.

The Newsletter will not publish any contribution in the form of a column that could be viewed as a commercial promotion of a business.

The Newsletter will not publish restaurant or other business reviews because of the ability of contributors to abuse the space by promoting or deprecating a business for commercial purposes.

The availability of any of the above content elsewhere is not a reason for it to be included in the Newsletter.

The Newsletter will not publish copyrighted material without the consent of the owner of the material.

Editorial review is the responsibility of the editor of the Newsletter.

Source: *Brookmans Park Newsletter Editorial Guidelines*

Approved by the KWA Board of Directors September 17, 2008

## Crime Prevention with SAFFE Officer Doyle

Please exercise a heightened sense of awareness and precaution and report all crimes and suspicious persons and activities to the SAPD. The more reports the SAPD receives, the more SAPD patrols our neighborhoods will receive. Please also contact the KWA office with your reports so we can spread the word about recent crimes and suspicious activities via our Weekly Update emails and monthly newsletter.



### Recent Incidents as of January 16, 2009:

- Vehicle broken into and items stolen on the 200 block of Adams.
- Window at China Latina (1000 block of S. Alamo) vandalized/broken.

### Here's how YOU can help make our neighborhoods safer:

- Keep your eyes and ears open!
- Report any and all crimes, suspicious behaviors, ongoing problems, ordinance violations (such as panhandling, etc.) to the SAPD and to the KWA office.
- Keep your doors and windows locked, keep your car locked, and make sure you have sufficient lighting.
- Participate in the Cellular on Patrol (COP) program. Contact the KWA office to sign up for the next COP class.
- Contact our SAFFE officers to schedule your FREE Home or Business Security Survey.

### Helpful Contacts

Consider entering these numbers into your speed dial or cell phone contacts. Officer Erik Doyle is the King William area SAFFE officer and is on duty Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Officer Ron Strothman is the Lavaca area SAFFE officer and is on duty Monday-Friday, 12 - 8 p.m. Both officers can be reached through the Central SAFFE office at 207-7413 and will respond to King William and Lavaca area calls during business hours.

- Emergency: **911**
- Non-Emergency: **207-SAPD (7273)**
- SAFFE Officer Doyle: **219-0177 (cell phone) or erik.doyle@sanantonio.gov**
- SAFFE Officer Strothman: **rstrothman@sanantonio.gov**
- Central SAFFE Onit: **207-7413 (M-F, 7am-8pm)**
- Central Patrol: **207-7410**
- Code Violations & City Services: **311**
- Report tour bus violations to SAPD: **207-7482**
- KWA Office: **227-8786 or king.william@sbcglobal.net**

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**Thank you for supporting the KWA!**

## March Newsletter Deadline

Please email any articles, announcements, photos, advertisements, or ideas for the March 2009 newsletter to [king.william@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbcglobal.net) no later than **Wednesday, February 11, 2009.**

## Newsletter Advertisements

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**KWA February General Membership Meeting:  
Extreme Target Sweep Q&A  
Wednesday, February 4, 7 p.m.  
Blue Star Brewing Co., 1414 S. Alamo**

Please join us for a special presentation about the improvements the Lavaca/  
King William Extreme Target Sweep will bring to the area. Joe Frank Picazo,  
CoSA's Neighborhood Services Coordinator, and his team will be on hand to  
answer your questions and listen to your requests for service.

Complimentary beverages courtesy of the KWA.

**March 2009 Newsletter Mail Prep Volunteers Needed**

Please help us prepare our March 2009 newsletter for mailing.  
Stop by the KWA office, located at 1032 S. Alamo, on **Monday, February 23,  
from 6 - 7 p.m.** to stick mailing labels on newsletters and visit with neighbors.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

**KWA Office Closed for Presidents' Day**

The KWA office will be closed in observance of  
Presidents' Day on **Monday, February 16.**