



King William Association

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KWA Fall Concert Series Announced

Continuing our 2015 King William Concert Series, we are happy to announce our lineup of shows that will take place in late summer and early fall, in hopes of cooler temperatures.

September 13

Goodbye to Summer with Rudy Harst and the Rudiments

Rudi + The Rudiments will feature vocalist Sarah Gabriel, with Professor Ray Palmer, keyboard; Kevin Lewis, bass; Kiko Guerrero, drums; and Rudi Harst, guitars, flutes, mandolin, harmonica, kazoo - delivering an eclectic blend of uptempo folk/rock/calypso beats, guaranteed to get your feet tapping, hands clapping and singing along! Upper Mill Park



Rudi Harst

photo by Liz Garza-Williams

October 18

Jorge & Nicole

This lively acoustic guitar and bass duo perform pop, blues, Latin and Brazilian music with their own unique cultural and stylistic flair. King William Park



Jorge & Nicole

November 8

Golden Persimmon String Quartet

The quartet will perform a wide range of classical favorites - a pre-holiday treat for the whole family. KWA Office

All concerts will start at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday evening. Be cool! Arrive early for a free frozen treat. The first 100 guests will receive a free paleta!

We look forward to seeing you at what are sure to be enjoyable community gatherings.

- Ethel Pedraza

President's Report

by Harry Shafer

September 2, 2015 represents the end of the 2014-2015 KWA program year. This past year the board and I have worked on governance, making sure our programs/activities/accounting are in compliance with federal and state guidelines. We reviewed funding for concerts, the Fair, membership, plus other events/programs ensuring our financial security and strengthening programs. As part of our fiduciary responsibility, the board approved a "Holdings Policy." A subcommittee is currently preparing to interview several finance organizations and will submit a recommendation to both the Finance Committee and the full board. More information will be forthcoming.

One of the goals of the Strategic Plan was to investigate moving to a larger office. We signed a two-year lease at 122 Madison. The new space is working well for meetings and for Fair activities. We retained ownership of 1032 S. Alamo and are in the process of finding a tenant.

We have advocated for C1 zoning which prohibits "outdoor amplified noise;" continue to comment on HDRC and Zoning cases; and submitted UDC amendments as part of the city's UDC process. We continue to work with developers and homeowners regarding infill development and rehabilitation projects. The Cedar Street townhomes project is still in the works to replace the Children's Shelter. Through negotiation we reduced the number of units, and two lots will be zoned as single-family residences. Discussions with the owner of the soon-to-be-opened Brigid restaurant on St. Mary's St. at Madison resulted in no outdoor seating or outdoor amplified noise, and acquired additional off-street parking.

We hosted a Safety Summit with Interim Police Chief Anthony Treviño and Councilman Robert Treviño. As a result, more enforcement and police presence have been brought into our neighborhood.

The King William-Lavaca Parking & Transportation Committee was created, and has been actively meeting. City has stated they will conduct a study to help with the issues in our neighborhood. King William is in the midst of major and long-term intercity transformation, and it is essential that we keep focusing on preserving the integrity of our unique historic neighborhood. Change is coming but we want to embrace it with the strength that will allow the amenities that we need and the preservation of our unique character. As your president for next year I hope to achieve some resolutions on the parking and transportation issues, and to engage COSA to move forward on upgrading S. Alamo St. from Turner to Pereida to correspond with the completed improvements along S. Alamo to Probandt.

I want to acknowledge the great work of our board, staff and committees. Our board is proactive and engaged, and I certainly respect their opinions and appreciate their leadership. It has been a great pleasure to work with the KWA and Fair staff: Cherise Bell, Monika Perez-Moad, Zet Baer and Carol Jackson. Their professionalism is to be commended. Rose Kanusky chairs the KWA-Lavaca Parking and Transportation Committee, hosting meetings with city officials. Mickey Conrad and members of the Architectural Advisory Committee have worked diligently in reviewing HDRC cases in King William and locations adjacent that impact our neighborhood. The Public Art Committee chaired by Molly Shafer has organized and hosted lectures and music programs, and is working in coordination with the Texas Commission on the Arts to secure grant funding for additional programs and projects. Susan Athené spends many hours every month putting together this newsletter. Pat Conroy assisted in the conversation with Brigid restaurant.

KWA is still largely a volunteer organization and we are fortunate to have volunteers that carry out so much of the work.



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Edward Willets Cassin, Jr.

September 25, 1921 ~ July 19, 2015

The King William neighborhood lost a living connection to its history and South Texas lost one of the last, real old-time cowboys when Ed Cassin, Jr. passed away at the Cassin family ranch near Batesville, Texas on July 19, 2015. He died of natural causes while walking through his field, literally dying with his boots on.



Edward Cassin, Jr.

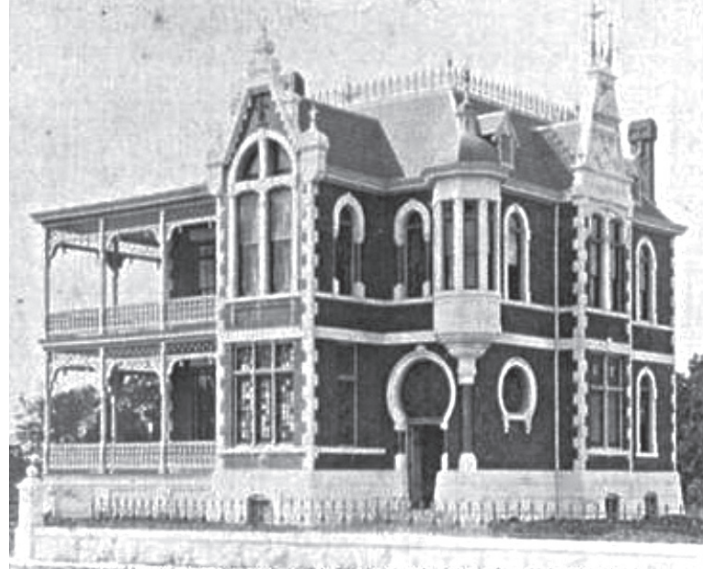
Ed was descended from two early King William families who had homes on both the east and west sides of the River. Both the Devine and Cassin families originally hailed from Ireland and immigrated to Texas where they established deep roots which still exist today. Both families are honored in the names of San Antonio streets and nearby towns. There's even a Cassin Lake in the San Antonio River basin on Minita Creek.

Ed was born in the King William neighborhood on September 25, 1921. His parents, Edward and Storrow Devine Smith Cassin made their home at 724 South Flores, the former home of Storrow's grandfather, Judge Thomas Devine, who once owned most of the land between San Pedro Creek and South Alamo Street. Originally a large estate with a big country house with a garden and orchard watered by the acequia, the Devine house sat squarely in the middle of the block bounded by S. Flores, Arsenal, S. Main and Sheridan. The house was demolished c. 1950 and the site is now a parking lot for Alamo College Community Education Center.

Ed's paternal grandparents were William and Charlotte Cassin who owned and lived at 101 Crofton from 1900 to about 1938. This was formerly the Axel Meerscheidt House, originally numbered 515 East Guenther. The house no longer stands as it burned in 1957; currently the site of the Crofton Condos. (See May 2012 KWA Newsletter article by Belinda Molina for more on the Meerscheidt House and family).

As a youngster, Ed regularly walked back and forth between the two family homes. In his teen years, he earned every merit badge possible and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Central High School in 1938 and at age seventeen was man enough to begin his ranching career by leasing part of the historic Hillingdon Ranch near Comfort, the ranch established by Alfred Giles in 1887.

In 1943, Ed moved to his family's ranch near the town of Batesville where he became a respected cattleman and farmer. Life Magazine photographers visited the ranch in the early 1950s for a photo shoot celebrating South Texas



101 Crofton, home of Ed's grandparents, William & Charlotte Cassin

ranches. Several of those photos decorate the walls of the old ranch house along with impressive horns of white tail deer and longhorn cattle.

In the 1950s and 60s, the Texas cattle industry was threatened by *Cochliomyia* (Screwworms). Ed worked with the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) scientists and was one of the original fundraisers to generate capital for the implementation of the sterilization program that eventually eradicated the screwworm threat.

In 1966, Ed participated in The Texas Commemorative Longhorn Trail Drive from Texas to Kansas. He was a long-time, ardent supporter of soil and water conservation, lifetime member of the San Antonio Zoological Society and held membership in The German Club, The Order of the Alamo, The Texas Order of St. Hubertus and the Texas Cavaliers. Ed was a Director Emeritus of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and was honored in 2006 as a founding member for his fifty years of service.

- Bill Cogburn



Devine House, childhood home of Ed Cassin, Jr.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

September 2015 – August 2016

The King William Association invites you to renew your membership today! Your membership enables us to support local art, education, and community programs and to further our mission to preserve and maintain our historic and diverse neighborhood. Membership includes two wristbands to the King William Fair, a \$20 value.

Annual renewal dues for the 2015-2016 membership year must be paid ***before September 1st to vote at the Annual Meeting for the Board of Directors*** and by October 1st, in order to be listed in the annual KWA Directory. Contact the office at (210) 227-8786 or info@ourkwa.org if you have questions about membership.

A business or organization who is eligible for “active membership” (owns property within the KW Historic District), must inform in writing the Secretary of the KWA, the name and address of its representative who shall be entitled to cast its one vote at general membership meetings.

- New Membership***
- Renewal Membership***

/We would like to activate/renew my/our King William Association membership at the level indicated below:

- Individual (\$20) Associate – *not a KW resident or property owner* (\$25) Family (\$25) Friend (\$40)
- Patron (\$50) Benefactor (\$100) Sustaining (\$250) Business–*ALL CAPS directory listing* (\$50)
- Business Sponsor (\$25)

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Let us know if you are interested in our KWA volunteer and committee opportunities:

- Architectural Advisory Board Member Finance Graffiti
- Home Tour King William Fair National Night Out Newsletter
- Planning Public Arts Scholarship/Mentor Socials

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Did You Know?

Did you know that the King William area is a combination of different subdivision plats? A plat is a map, surveyed, drawn to scale, showing a division of land into blocks, lots, streets and sometimes alleys. The plat is then "recorded" with the County so the land may be sold or developed. One plat in the King William area is labeled "The Spring Addition" and recorded in the Bexar County Plat Book 105 Page 73, dated September 22, 1905.

The interesting thing about the Spring Plat is that information such as the property owner is written on some of the lots. The first owner may or may not have commissioned a house to be built on their lot. Having a plat year, plus an owner's name, is a great place to start researching your house.

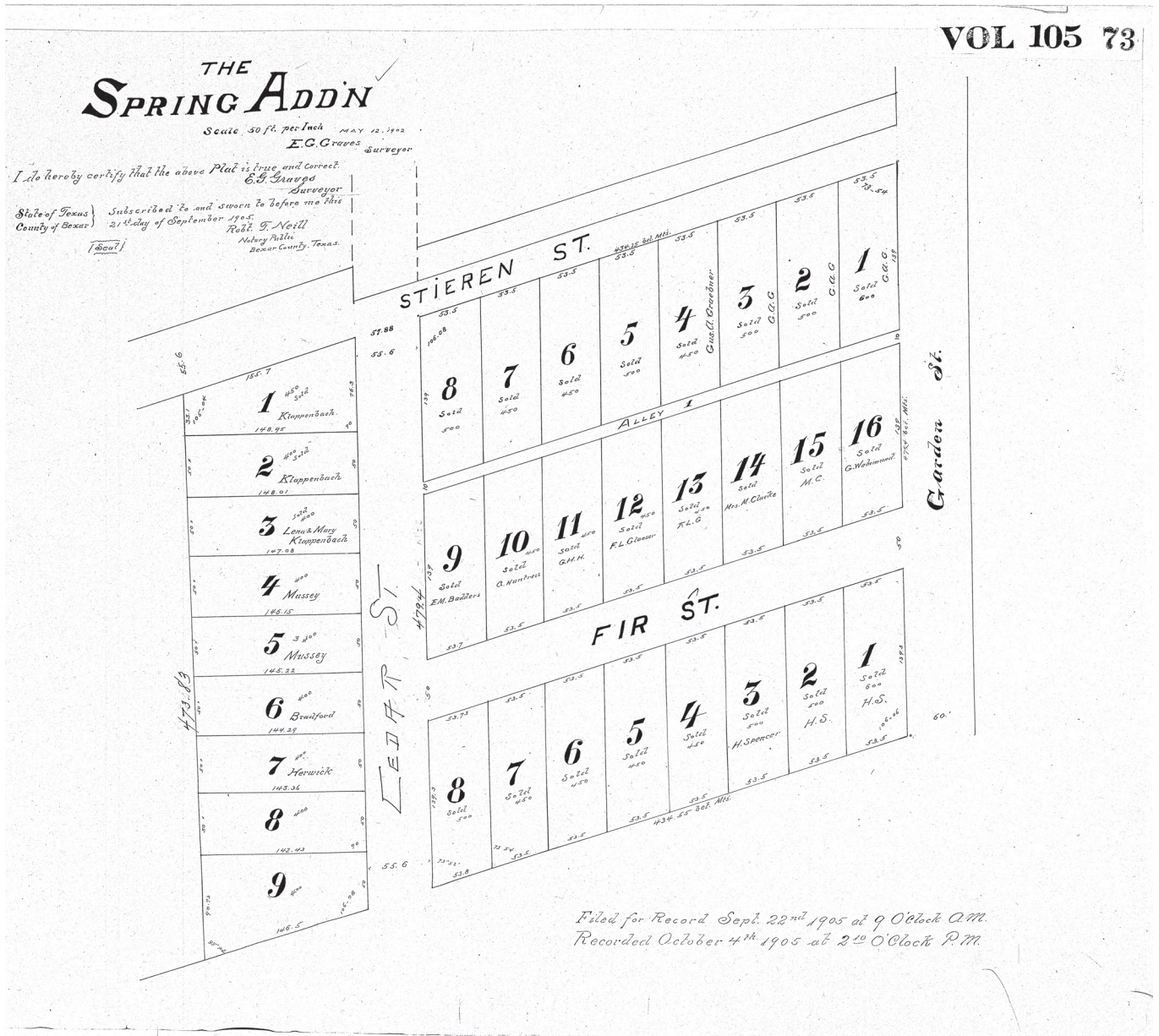
Spring Addition Plat shows the name "Herwick." Going to www.bexar.org county clerk court records

using the name Herwick with the year 1905, one is able to find Deed Record Book 229 page 174 which states that R.E. Herwick purchased lot 7 for \$350 from Kate L. Spring and her husband John Spring. The deed records use the legal address for the property so make sure to have that information handy so you know you are researching the right property.

Do you know your property's legal address? Go to www.bcad.org and type in your name and address. Take for example the Herwick lot: today's street address is 423 Cedar Street, the legal address is NCB (New City Block) 2968, Block 3, Lot 7.

Research is like putting a puzzle together. Plats provide information on the development of the area one is researching.

- Cherise Bell



2015 – Year of the Volunteer

So far we have been singing the praises of our long-time volunteers, but we are lucky to have kids in our neighborhood who also volunteer.

Nico asked his mom, Maureen, if he could help with the 2014 King William home tour. Nico was handed a script and greeted guests on the front porch at 241 King William. Not an easy assignment as the front porch volunteer had to check tickets, provide information and monitor traffic flow.

Jared is seen at many KWA socials and meetings. You may not have known that he helps set up and breakdown these events, moving chairs, loading and unloading his mom's car. Jared is not only helping his mom out as the KWA Social Chair, he is accumulating hours needed to get his Boy Scout merit badge.

Sometimes parents will call the KWA office looking for volunteer work for their kids to complete school requirements or to gain experience in the work environment. We had three such students this summer: Trinity, AJ and Cassandra.

Trinity scanned Fair documents to make room in the file cabinets for future Fair paperwork. This task also helps the KWA stay in compliance with document retention regulations. AJ helped increase our digital library of house histories by typing histories from the Burkholder books. This work helps staff provide information quickly to property owners and/or the public who may be researching a house. Cassandra scanned the KWA newsletters from 1967 to 1985. She then created a database denoting common subject matters and what month/year the article was written. This index will help staff locate information easier. Cassandra said, "I feel I know more about what to do and what I want to do in the future. It was great to work at the King William office because you get to be part of the history."

- Cherise Bell



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What's New at the Blue Star?

Blue Star Provisions

Have you ever run out of a few kitchen staples and didn't feel like driving to the store? You are now in luck. Blue Star Provisions opened its doors this past July. Here, you can pick up the basics like freshly baked bread, locally grown produce, dairy products, olive oils, etc. However, Blue Star Provisions also has lots of delightful gourmet items like organic goat cheese, in-house roasted chicken, cold press juices, pastries, coconut charcoal, you name it. Still can't find what you're looking for? Write your suggestions on the store's chalkboard. Joey Villarreal, the shop's owner, wants your feedback so that he can better cater to your needs.

Location: 1414 S. Alamo, Ste. 103

Hours: Mon-Sat: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sun: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



South Alamode Panini & Gelato Company

There are several decent gelato shops in Central Texas, but South Alamode Panini & Gelato Company might just be the best of the bunch. Josh Biffle and Diletta Gallorini, a husband-and-wife team, opened South Alamode Panini & Gelato Company this May, just in time to rescue King William residents from the summer heat. Their gelato has the absolute perfect density and lightness. Even better, their flavors rotate often and are delightfully inventive. Their ricotta and blackberry gelato is pure lusciousness, as is their salted caramel flavor. They also have non-dairy sorbettoes with flavors like lemon and prickly pear or mango and pineapple with basil. South Alamode Panini & Gelato Company also serves espresso drinks, pastries, salumi boards and panini.

Location: 1420 S Alamo, Bldg. B, Ste. 102

Hours: Sun, Tues-Thurs: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Fri & Sat: 11 a.m. to Midnight

Closed Monday

- Charlotte Luongo

City Lights

Defining September as “fall” in South Texas is either an act of extreme optimism or extraordinary delusion. The promise of a wet winter and spring has long since faded like the beige landscape. And the oppressive heat covers us all like an iron lid.

When I was a student I was in a summer historic preservation studio that included a long stay at the open-air building museum at Winedale, Texas. A wealthy Houstonian had made something of a career of rescuing ante-bellum buildings and relocating them in the lush landscape of Fayette County. It was a kind of building library for students to consult and an ideal place to study several forms and construction types, all in easy walk of each other.

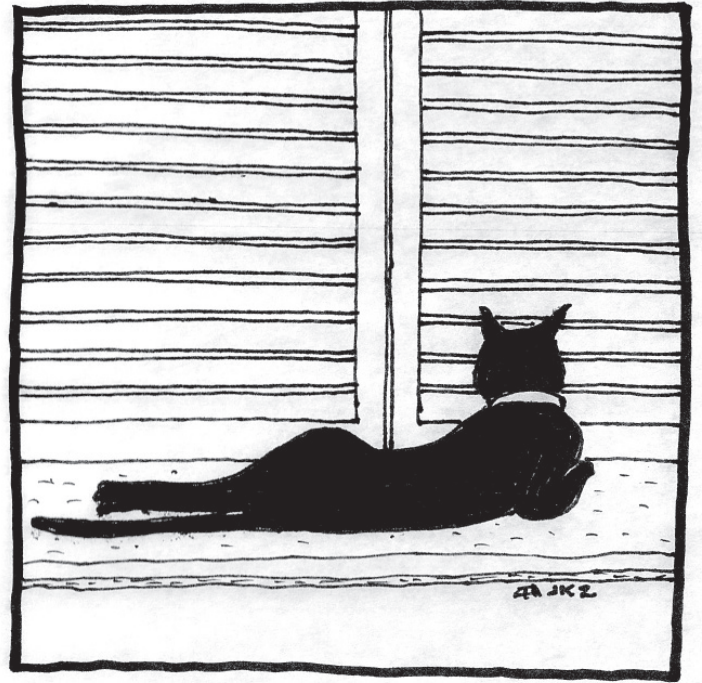
My favorite was the Dr. Gregor McGregor House, a handsome and austere Greek Revival two-story. That summer was as hot as this one, but the house looked immaculate and cool, its blocky white mass embraced by a dark mantle of live-oak trees.

Like my house, all of its elegant windows were equipped with bright green shutters, and they were all closed. Inside, the dimness of the interiors was a relief from the blinding glare outdoors. And it was surprisingly cool.

The house’s curator explained that shutters were far from a decorative frame for the windows - they were a functional necessity for a house before air conditioning and insect screens had been invented. During the summer the shutters were closed during the day to reduce radiant heat from the sun penetrating the interiors. Windows were often closed behind them to keep whatever cool night air could be retained within the house. In this case the effect was noticeable and surprisingly effective. It was the opposite of stifling.

It’s taken me decades to recollect this lesson, but as I was making war on the weeds one day I looked up at my own southwest facing windows and decided to put down my hoe and start closing shutters.

We don’t often really look at things as seemingly innocuous as shutters, but they have a complexity worthy of a cabinetmaker’s skills. Mine have clever hardware with latches that snap them open and in place, usually resistant to being blown shut by even impressive gales. Vertical slides make all the vanes behave and work in unison tilting up and down fluidly. Mine were made in pairs and have roman numerals carved into their edges. They were hand planed to



fit their particular window openings and the builder kept track of their installation by the numbers. The right hand of each pair is the one with a batten called an astragal that closes over the left making a tight fit that doesn’t even leak light. The batten has a beautifully run bead molding up its entire length, a final deft detail that stands out in our African light.

And like the house I admired so many years ago, my closed windows and shutters have kept my house cool through all the dreadful heat. I do run the air conditioning for a while when I come home at night, but not during the day. I don’t have to – the cool dimness is waiting for me when I come home from work. Shutters, like so much in the rest of life, are more than they appear to be.

- Michael Guarino

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S.T.A.R. is Coming!

STAR is coming to the King William Historic District on October 3 and 4. At its October 2014 meeting, the KWA board voted to donate \$6,500 to the STAR program specifically for an event in the King William Historic District. Our donation will sponsor rehabilitation of five houses. Supporting the STAR program is one of the goals of the KWA Strategic Plan.

Students Together Achieving Revitalization is a program organized in the City's Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) in partnership with graduate and undergraduate architecture and construction students from UTSA and San Antonio College. Students learn from local contractors to repair windows and screens, replace rotted wood of siding and porches, and perform exterior painting. This is a free service provided to property owners with houses located in the King William Historic District and chosen through an application process submitted to OHP.

Applications are due to Edward Hall, Office of Historic Preservation, by Wednesday, September 9. For more information contact Mr. Hall at 207- 4680 or edward.hall@sanantonio.gov.

Volunteers are also needed to help. Are you willing to be a house leader? Are you a contractor willing to donate some of your time or particular expertise? Are you a restaurant owner willing to donate lunch? If yes, please contact Cherise Bell at 227-8786 or director@our.kwa.org.

- Cherise Bell

Parking & Transportation Committee Update

The joint KWA/LNA Parking and Transportation Committee presented its scope of work for a traffic and parking study to Lori Houston at Center City Development Office (CCDO). On the day of our meeting with city staff, the *San Antonio Express-News* covered our transportation issues on the front page.

Jim Mery, CCDO deputy director, has reviewed the scope of work, and he requested that we meet with representatives of the Urban Land Institute on August 18, 2015. We look forward to providing you with more details soon.

- Rose Kanusky



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Garden St. School News

Dust clouds still plume from the Bonham Academy campus, but construction is finally nearing completion.

Though the middle school teachers, theatre arts teacher and music teacher are moved in for the new school year, many teachers await the final touches on their rooms prior to moving in. Some will move into a brand new classroom, such as art teacher Moinico Vitela, while others await their former classrooms to turn back over to their eager hands. Portables by the white house on Cedar Street are to be moved out by the end of September, but kindergarten classes will be in the St. Mary's St. portables until November. First and second grade classes will be in the new building until November when the old rooms will be ready.

Meanwhile, Principal Webber and Assistant Principal Blanca Gebhart along with the office staff have returned to the original building and are accessible from the parking lot nearest S. Alamo St. We have a new Counselor, Siboney Barajas, who joins us from Highland Park Elementary. Analisa Gutierrez will be our new Parent Family Liaison. Replacing the beloved Jesse Peña will be Berta De Hoyos. We are excited to welcome several new teachers to our community as well.

Bonham academic highlights include three Distinction Designations on STAAR tests (Reading, Math and Science) when compared to schools like us, including many charters. In order to receive Distinction Designation, we must score in the top 25% of those schools to which we are compared. Additionally, we met standard in all areas, with no system safeguards missed. All this while under construction!

Finally, upcoming events include Dies y Seis de Septiembre celebrations. Feliz diez y seis de septiembre y bienvenida al año nuevo de escolar.

- Principal
William Webber



Out in the Garden with Alan Cash

Now that school has started and summer is ending, we can get back to our daily routines.

Many of us have spent time traveling to visit family and friends, or just went to see what's over the horizon. Travel is a good thing. In *The Innocents Abroad*, Mark Twain said, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow mindedness..." I hope your summer was an enjoyable one.



Back to gardening. Make a list of plants that survived the hot days of summer, in your garden and your neighbors'. Use it next spring as a source of things to plant, especially those that require less water. About 40 percent of household water is used to maintain landscapes, and this is one way we can do our part to conserve water.

It has been sometime since the spring rains have stopped and the aquifer is dropping again. Try to stay aware of water use restrictions. They will probably change soon.

Perennials, shrubs, and trees add a permanent background to gardens. Even if you don't have the time or inclination to spend much time outdoors, take the time to add them to your garden. October and November are the best months for adding these plants to the garden. Next month's article will include suggestions for our area.

In the meantime, take a stroll through Villa Finale, the National Trust museum and garden, at 401 King William St. for ideas. The grounds are open to the public at no cost anytime the house is open.

October is also the time to put out wildflower seeds for spring blooming. The easiest to grow are bluebonnets and larkspurs. Seeds for both can be found at most good local nurseries. Seeds can be put in flowerbeds where annuals are grown because they will normally be bloomed out by the time annuals are planted in late spring. Larkspurs have a variety of pastel colors and grow to about two to three feet tall, so plant their seeds in the rear of the planting area. As the seeds sprout be sure to water them regularly if it doesn't rain.

Garden Note: If you seek a mind at rest, a heart that will not harden; go find a gate that opens wide upon a lovely garden. (Author Unknown)

Meet Green Anole – *Anolis carolinensis*

The Green Anole may seem to be “just another” lizard from the vast reptilian world, but if you ask me, these lizards are wizards!

They can change body color at will and do the classic disappearing act by blending into their surroundings as if like magic! If you are a nature enthusiast living on the San Antonio River Watershed, you would surely have noticed these eye-catching green lizards in sunny areas, amongst greenery and moisture. They are sometimes called “American Chameleons” because of their ability to change color from shades of brown to bright green depending on their mood, temperature, humidity and health.

Anoles are between 5-8 inches long, with a slender body and pointed snout. They make no sound at all, and the males possess an astonishing pink dewlap, a flap of skin that hangs below their pale white neck. They protrude this pink dewlap to attract females and for fierce territorial displays. They have the most amazing rituals of dominance and territoriality that start with a sharp head bobbing with accompanying push-ups. Then they flare their dewlap and sometimes stick up a dorsal crest to look bigger, hoping to intimidate their opponents.

Like all the other reptiles, lizards are an integral part of the riparian habitat surrounding the San Antonio



Your friendly neighborhood Green Anole.

River. These carnivores form a critical link between insects they prey on and the birds, snakes and cats that predate on lizards. The

Green Anole likes to snack on insects and spiders by stalking them on fences, walls and shrubs.

Females mostly lay one small papery egg on the ground when they are ready to reproduce. They do not bother with parenting their offspring, who are left to fend for themselves in the big bad world.

These elegant creatures are also found around East Texas, spreading all the way to southern Virginia. All I can say is, that pretty flash of pink on a bright green body calls for some serious lizard-watching along the San Antonio river banks...which they, like us, call home.

- Minna Paul, Education Coordinator
San Antonio River Authority

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City Code Reminders

Sidewalks and curbs

How about the sidewalk and curb area right in front of your home? This area is considered city right-of-way, used for public passage and for the installation of curbs, sidewalks and utilities.

However, it's the responsibility of the adjacent homeowner to keep the right-of-way free of obstructions including any type of debris, grass and weeds, and other plants that impede the passage of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This includes weeds growing out of the sidewalk or curb, that are along the street pavement. In addition, the correction of major cracks and unlevel surfaces along the sidewalk is also the responsibility of the property owner (City Code Ch. 29-11a).

Low hanging tree limbs

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining tree limb height clearance of at least fourteen (14) feet high over alley bed by fifteen (15) feet wide for vehicles to enter. The alley bed must be reasonably free of debris and passable to vehicles. (City code Ch. 14-61). Low overhanging tree limbs need to be trimmed to 8 feet above the sidewalk. Don't try to trim tree limbs that are growing onto power lines. It's dangerous and you could be electrocuted.

If you find yourself in this situation, call City Public Service at 353-2222 to report the situation.

*Fernando Muñoz, Code Enforcement
Supervisor for Northeast sector
Member, Development Services Damage
Assessment Team*

Excerpt from the COSA Code Connection July/August 2015

Route 46 Bus Service

VIA Metropolitan Transit enjoys working with the King William Association to provide efficient and safe public transportation services to the King William District. It is one of many close relationships we maintain with various public and private organizations to provide top quality services as we work hard to serve our 13-city service region.

With this relationship in mind, we'd like to address some of the concerns the article "The Little Street That Couldn't" highlighted in the July 2015 edition of the KWA Newsletter. The article stated that VIA relocated Route 46/Commercial onto W. Sheridan St. without informing the City of San Antonio, and it implied that the route could be moved again in the near future. We felt it important to let your readers know this is not the case.

The rerouting of Route 46 to travel down the short stretch of Sheridan came about as a result of the City of San Antonio's decision to close a portion of S. Main Avenue. Route 46 was moved to S. Flores Street to bypass the closed section of Main, and the route uses Sheridan to get back to Main as soon as possible to continue providing bus service through the King William District.

The decision to use Sheridan was made in discussion and consultation with the City of San Antonio's Center City Development Office and the Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) Department. Additionally, TCI made some improvements and added signage to facilitate this change to Route 46.

In addition to the services Route 46 provides, VIA has been operating the Blue Circulator Route on Sheridan for many years. In fact, this service is merely supplemented by Route 46. There are no current plans to alter the service on Sheridan.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with the King William Association on public transportation solutions. We appreciate our close working relationship and look forward to continuing to provide travel options for residents across the greater San Antonio area.

- Jeff Arndt, President/CEO, VIA

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SAY Sí Student Photography Exhibition Will Feature King William Neighborhood Architecture

For their 2015 FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA Exhibition titled “Element | Aspect: A Photographic Exploration of Structure as Subject,” some SAY Sí student-artists chose the historic homes and buildings found in the King William neighborhood as their photographic subjects.

Artists explored the fundamentals of “perspective” as a personal and technical process. Focusing on architecture and architectural elements in San Antonio, middle and high school artists were challenged to personally connect with non-human subjects and use pinhole or panorama photography to characterize this connection.

Element | Aspect: A Photographic Exploration of Structure as Subject

Opens Friday, September 4, 6 – 9 p.m.

Runs through September 18

Gallery Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- Stephen Guzman

Newsletter

Improvement Plan

Do you have a story to tell? A neighbor to praise? News to share? A general interest column to launch? Submissions and contributions to the KWA newsletter are welcome!

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Get Ready for Oktoberfest!

It's hard to think about while the sun is baking the Alamo City in triple digit heat. But fall isn't far off, and soon the sounds of clinking steins and German drinking songs will begin strolling down the streets of Southtown.

When children head back to school and the air turns just a little bit crisp (we hope), you know what time of year it is – time for Oktoberfest!

Luckily for San Antonians and their out-of-town friends, there's no better place to celebrate Oktoberfest than Beethoven Maennerchor at 422 Pereida. This annual tradition pays homage to German heritage and culture, which is the club's mission year-round.

Similar to the original Oktoberfest in Munich, Beethoven welcomes thousands of revelers to the garten during the two-week-end celebration. This year's festivities will run October 2-3 and 9-10.

Even in good 'ol San Antonio, it's a great way to join with people all over the world in the traditional festival. It's not uncommon to hear things like this from a visitor last year: "We had an absolute ball at this back yard Oktoberfest. We had the best brats and sauerkraut that we have ever had. My wife had to drag me outta here at the end of the night. There was dancing, singing, and a ton of great German music. Best part of the whole trip. 2 thumbs up!" The San Antonio Current describes Beethoven as the "crème de la crème of beer gardens" and "the quint-essential "biergarten."

We couldn't agree more. Oktoberfest at Beethoven always proves to be a comfortable atmosphere with great friends, awesome food and authentic German



Oktoberfest at Beethoven Maennerchor

beer. If you aren't in Munich, this is where you want to be.

Oktoberfest activities include the annual tapping of the keg, a variety of musical talents, and the best food around. It brings friends new and old together. Generally considered a must-attend event in San Antonio, Oktoberfest is family-friendly and very affordable.

Beethoven Maennerchor is a non-profit organization with a volunteer board of directors and members who spend countless hours prepping the food for events, working the parking lot and ticket booth, and performing other essential functions.

The best part is enjoying the party in a comfortable (or new!) pair of Lederhosen or a Dirndl. See you at the garten. *Prost!*

- Your Friends at Beethoven Maennerchor

SOUTHTOWN SCRAMBLE: WONDERS OF THE WORLD

SOUTHTOWN KIDS AGES 10+ are cordially invited to join an exceedingly challenging **SCAVENGER HUNT!**

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September Calendar

- 2 General Membership Meeting - KWA Office - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Labor Day - KWA Office closed
- 13 Rudi + The Rudiments - Upper Mill Park - 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Deadline for October KWA Newsletter
- 16 KWA Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.