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Join Us For the King William Home Tour December 1st!

The King William Home Tour on the first Saturday in December is one of the best times of the year: we get the chance to walk through our neighbors' 140-year-old homes and imagine ourselves back in the days of the horse and buggy, the leg-o-mutton sleeve, and dainty tea parties on the front veranda. Perhaps we view ourselves in the modern home with the large windows and lots of light. The tour is structured to suit fantasies of many decades.

Houses open this year span almost the entire life of the King William neighborhood. The Harnish House, 523 King William, designed by Albert Beckman, was built about 1892 and William Kalteyer built 514 Madison in 1898. The George Chabot House, 402 Madison, and the Henyan House, 202 Madison, are turn of the century structures. William Kalteyer built 514 Madison in 1898, and the Henyan House, 202 Madison, was built in 1905. Graham Knight hired O'Neill Ford and Associates to design 122 Madison

in 1963. The newest house is 418 Madison, built in 2014 from a design by Jim Poteet with modifications by Darryl Ohlenbusch. Refreshments and wine tasting available at King William Association office, 122 Madison from 11:00am-5:00pm.

The six homes and one commercial building will be open from 11 am to 5 pm on Saturday, December 1. Tickets are available online at www.ourkwa.org for \$25 until November 30, 2018; after that, tickets can be purchased at 122 Madison or 524 King William. A ticket admits you to all of the houses, Villa Finale and the San Antonio Art League, and entitles you to buy a copy of the book "The King William Area" for \$20.



The Harnish House, 523 King William. Photo by Al Rendon.

Wine Tastings On Tour!

In taking a lesson from The Fair, the KWA is focusing on fun! For the Home Tour and December social we're going to offer wine tasting!

A limited tasting will be available along with sales of cups and bottles. The Stray Grape Urban Winery (www.straygrape.com), located at 16620 San Pedro Ave will be making sure we all have a little fun.

The Stray Grape makes all of its own wine right here in San Antonio. They source their grapes from all over the world to make great tasting, low-sulfite wine.



What's Happening In & Around King William

FARM DAY AT MISSION SAN JUAN

Mission San Juan de Capistrano, 1901 Graf Rd.

Saturday, November 10, 10:00am – 2:00pm

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TREE GIVEAWAY

Confluence Park, 310 W. Mitchell Saturday, November 10, 9:00am – Noon

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HOT WELLS HARVEST FEAST

Mission County Park, 6030 Padre Dr. Wednesday, November 14, 6:00pm- 10:00pm

https://www.eventbrite.com/ e/2018-hot-wells-harvest-feast-tickets-48351143572

KING WILLIAM HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Saturday, December 1, 11:00am – 5:00pm http://www.ourkwa.org/

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President's Message

"What we've got here is failure to communicate." — Cool Hand Luke Two months into this effort, I am still trying to catch up with KWA events, let alone keeping the membership informed, ergo the increased emails.

Following the enthusiasm of new KWA Executive Director, Tracy Moon, in Spring 2018, I am most disappointed to have accepted her resignation effective October 12. While there were some neighborhood issues, she was very successful with KWA operations and accounting, as well as organizational and fiduciary accountability. With her departure, I hear challenging questions, from what type of ED we are looking for, to should we even have an ED. Faced with the extent and complexities of our activities, this long-term position is vital, so we will be putting together a group to fill this position. In the interim, Zet Baer has graciously agreed to fill this position, and I would ask all neighbors to thank our office staff as they continue their work on our behalf.

We have begun a revision of bylaws and as changes are considered we will update membership in emails and future newsletters. We are reviewing all committee activities and I want to get new members and neighbors involved. We hope to improve and standardize interactivity of our electronic presence, including three websites--KWA, Fair, and Cultural Arts, emails, and the newsletter. I hope to undertake a neighborhood census in early Spring, involving members and nonmember neighbors. We continue to work on staying informed on important topics, recently dockless scooters and STRs. I am most interested in hearing from neighbors on how we can improve or make our organization more relevant. As always, thank you for your interest and support. John

"Study the past if you would define the future." — Confucius

Board Briefs

by Shawn Campbell, Secretary

On Wednesday, October 17th the KWA addressed the resignation of ED Tracy Moon and voted to offer her an amicable separation agreement. Zet Baer will act as the KWA Interim ED and a new ED search committee will be organized in the future. President John Doski's priorities will be to integrate the websites for the Cultural Arts Committee, the KWA and the KW Fair. He also proposes to conduct

a neighborhood census to promote membership and non-membership communication. The November KWA board meeting will be on November 14th, due to Thanksgiving and at the moment there will not be a December board meeting as there will be a December social. The Home Tour is on December 1st. Volunteer as a docent or volunteer to sell KWA merchandise.



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The Flavor of the Neighborhood: It's Sweater Weather!

By Dan Ratliff

A little weather change and San Antonians will be digging out their corduroys and sweaters. With sweater weather comes soup weather. Here are my favorite soups within walking distance of the King William neighborhood.

Tito's pozole is a divine revelation of 4,000 years of Mesoamerican culture. The ancestors of the Aztec and Mayan cultures in Guatemala and Oaxaca developed a cooking method that treated corn with ash and limestone, giving pozole its distinctive flavor. Tito's pozole is a pork broth made with three chilis—guajillo, arbol, and ancho, to make a thick stew with pozole corn and pork chunks. A side of raw cabbage, onion, and radishes give it some bite, and a tablespoon of chili paste will make it as picoso as you'd like.

Tito's Mexican Restaurant, 955 S. Alamo Monday—Saturday 8:00 am—10:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am—11:00 pm

One of the advantages of walking in Southtown is that you can enjoy public art. On your way to Carnitas Lonja take a rest on the Butterfly Bench at Roosevelt Park, the butterflies made from recycled beer cans, then admire the Mexican Arts and Crafts tile mural on the Roosevelt Park clubhouse. The newest public art, mosaic tiles and murals on concrete underpass columns on Roosevelt Ave., depict the neighborhood's history and culture.

The birria de res at Carnitas Lonja, served only on Saturday until they run out, is a hearty, rich beef broth, chunks of brisket simmering

overnight until tender and tasty, with squash, corn, beans, chilis to complement the soup. Their hand-made corn tortillas are out of this world. Get there early because when they sell out, they close.



Carnitas Lonja, 1107 Roosevelt Ave. Tuesday—Sunday 7:00 am until they are out of carnitas, closed Monday.

By my rough count, there are 20 restaurants that serve soup within walking distance

of the neighborhood, not counting the downtown hotels. Soups aplenty, but if you find a fireplace in the neighborhood, please let me know. With sweater weather the best soup is eaten in front of a roaring fire.

Down in Southtown! Second Tuesdays

The monthly mixer and membership drive is chugging along like "The Little Train That Could." Despite a couple of soggy events – we still had people, vendors, and bands coming out for our southerly slice of Downtown Tuesdays. As always, our neighbors are invited to come out and enjoy the music, food, and beer every 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Friendly Spot, from 7 pm to 9 pm.

This month's musical guest is Abbi Walker, who will be doing an acoustic show doing country and southern rock for our event. It should be a great time for everyone!



Learn more about Abbi at www.abbiwalkermusic.com

Our theme for this month is dogs. So grab your leashes and bring out your pets for Doggie Night! We've got some pet appropriate vendors who will be there, half-priced nachos, and beer on special.

More information can be found at www.facebook.com/events/270960493514786

What's Brewing?

by Noah Peterson

It seems like there's always something going down in Southtown, and the newest thing that's popped up is Don Martin's Coffee - donmartinscoffee.com.



Located at 540 S. Presa, this

quaint little shop is the perfect spot for a shot of espresso, breakfast tacos, or even a pint of some local beer! And it's not just another spot for a quick caffeine fix. This is a truly "local" joint. Beans are sourced from White Elephant coffee, another joint in the 'hood. The pan dulce comes from fresh from Cinderella Bakery. And the name, Don Martin, is an homage to one of the owner's grandfather who was one of the original owners of Bar America.

While there are some tourists and convention customers scooting in for nibbles and sips, they've also got regulars that are already calling this spot home. And it's easy to see why: the tasty coffee, ...beer, some sweet treats, a very clean shop, a pleasant atmosphere, all run by a couple of very nice owners who enjoying chatting up the clientele, meeting folks from out of town, and who clearly have a passion for the neighborhood. Plus, there are breakfast tacos and a menu of other drinks including Yerba Mate for those who love that Brazilian drink, and a Brisket Grilled Cheese sandwich...repeat, a Brisket Grilled Cheese

I'm hooked. Welcome to the neighborhood Don Martin's! We wish you much success.





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The Southtown Beat: El Luchador

By Noah Peterson

For those who like venturing far south in the neighborhood

searching for musical adventures, clean bathrooms, and masked mischief – I recommend El Luchador.

Open since
July 2017, this
wrestling-themed
bar is showing off their
moves with a style the

Nacho Libre couldn't pull off. They participated in the Rivertini Martini contest for SARA, have music and events scheduled all the time, have a marketing campaign that keeps them always on the brain, and go out of their way to make sure the female clientele is comfortable. This includes frequent restroom cleaning, an all-female comedy night, and staff sensitive to female customers.

When talking with one of the owners and operators, Jesse Campos, he revealed some secrets. His wife and her friends hate messy bathrooms and wanted a safe, comfortable, place to go with good service. Jesse has clearly made this happen.

"We are surprising a lot of people," said Jesse. The theme came from a couple buddies and a couple strangers having a meeting about a cool idea for a bar. One of the investors had a bunch of Luchador masks and posters. The Luchador theme is colorful, vibrant, fun, and silly. As a bonus, the history of the building involves wrestling.

Follow El Luchador on Facebook at

https://www.facebook.com/
luchadorbarsa/

El Luchador - 622 Roosevelt Ave

Rehab Corner: What is the Office of Historic Preservation?

The primary purpose of the OHP is to preserve and protect the unique historic structures, archaeological sites, and design features of San Antonio. On August 10, 1967, City Council passed and approved an enabling ordinance that created the Board of Review for historic districts. The ordinance also set forth the rules and guidelines for creating historic districts, regulations for exterior changes to historic structures and sites, and the process concerning applications for permits.

Soon thereafter, in May 1968, the City created the first local historic district, King William, and appointed the first Board of Review members. The Board advised the Director of Housing and Inspections concerning all applications for permits within the Historic District. Today the Board is known as the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) and consists of 11 members. The HDRC hears cases from 30 historic districts, six River Improvement Overlay districts, over 2000 individually designated landmarks, and all public projects.

For homeowners, the HDRC reviews applications for the designation of local historic districts and local historic landmarks and grants or denies



Certificates of Appropriateness with respect to proposed exterior alterations to landmarks and properties within local historic districts. It is important to note that the HDRC and the Office of Historic Preservation only review changes to the exterior of designated historic buildings. Interior alterations are not reviewable.

Whether you are a first-time home buyer in an historic district or a professional architect working with a landmarked property, the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) has resources and information available to assist you. OHP is available for consultation with applicants regarding proposed rehabilitation, new construction, and other projects dealing with historic properties at their walkin desk at the City's offices on 1901 S. Alamo.



November's King William Hero: Wendy Black

This month's King William Hero is Wendy Black, Footbridge Foundation. Wendy has been in the neighborhood a couple of years, but it took only a few minutes to figure out that there are too many stray animals here. She recently founded the Footbridge Foundation (www.footbridgefoundation.org) to support the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of dogs and cats from shelters and off of the streets of San Antonio. Wendy estimates that in her work over the past 5 years, she's been able to help facilitate the rescue of more than 500 animals. Her passion to help the city's animal population has resulted in dozens of success stories, and the development of her foundation.

Footbridge Foundation works with local animal rescue groups, foster families, veterinarians and others such as the Cannoli



Fund to find the best way to rescue, heal and rehome the overwhelming number of stray and feral cats and dogs in the city.

"It's a constant process of hearing about animals in need, taking them in, providing for their veterinary care, finding them temporary shelter and foster homes, then adopting them out," says Wendy. Thankfully, the network of



people in the neighborhood, the word of mouth from friends and fosters, as well as messages on social media keep the process moving. "There are always way too many animals that need help, and too few resources to help them," said Wendy.

We thank you Wendy, our hero, for all that you do for the dogs and cats of King William. Donate to help Wendy's animals via Footbridge Foundation at www.footbridgefoundation.org.

Do you know a King William Hero? Let us know!





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Good Will Dining

By Wm. Charles

Hello Friends,

I love Thanksgiving! It is my favorite holiday...family, food, football, no gifts to buy, comfortable and casual. What's not to love and be grateful about this holiday and the traditions that come and grow with each generation.

I'm sure some of you grew up just like me with both sides of family living nearby, we would have two Thanksgiving Day feasts:



one at Mom's parents and then again later at my Dad's parents. Even today, we have my wife's family over to our house for lunch and then dinner with my siblings and Mom. It is "full" day, so I have to pace myself (if you know what I mean).

I think what I love most is the tradition of certain dishes that each of us bring to table to share. That's what I think the "giving" part of Thanksgiving is! My wife makes her grandmother's "relleno" dressing every year. This is a two-day process (at best) to boil the chicken and make the cornbread. When the kids were little, they would get to make the toast and tear into small pieces. This recipe, handed down for at least 3 generations, makes enough for both families and more for leftovers for the week! It wouldn't be Thanksgiving without it.



And the turkey! We have enjoyed the traditional bird many ways; oven baked, fried, Cajun rubbed and injected. In keeping with our Southtown tradition, we will order our fresh turkey from Bolner's Meat Company

(bolnersmeatcompany.com). This year, I think we will ask B&D Ice House (banddicehouse.com) if they can smoke our bird!

Our tradition continues with sides like fresh cranberry jalapeño relish, brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes and pecan pie to mention a few. Here's to the faithful and grateful. Eat, drink, live!



Out In The Garden

Alan Cash

GARDEN NOTE: A beautiful garden is a work of heart.

What is a weed? Everyone probably has their own idea as something not wanted in the landscape. How about

this? A weed is a plant growing in the wrong place. As a neighbor recently commented, a rose growing in a cornfield could be thought of as a weed by a farmer.

Conversely, a weed growing in the right place becomes desirable in a garden. For example, Horse Herb, also known as Straggler Daisy, is a small ground cover plant that shows up eventually in almost every yard. Most of us probably pull it up and put it in the recycle bin. However, at the Margaret Gething House Museum at 409 E. Guenther St., Horse Herb seems to have been tended into a lush front lawn. Its characteristics make it ideal for that purpose. In our usually mild winters it can stay evergreen but returns in the spring if frozen back. It grows in shade or part sun. As with most "weeds" it needs little care and is drought tolerant and pest free. It has small yellow flowers over most of the growing season that attract butterflies.

More information can be found at dirtdoctor.com. Click on Library Topics and scroll down to Horse Herb. If you have a xeric garden or plan to have one, consider having some Horse Herb. Garden Tips:

*It is not too late to apply organic compost and fertilizer to lawns and flower beds.

*In South Texas we do not have many trees or plants that provide fall color. Nandina is an excellent evergreen shrub that has leaves changing to various colors about now. It also has red and orange berries. It is drought tolerant, pest free, and can be found at most nurseries. Examples can be seen in the front garden at 603 Mission St. Desirable varieties include: Domestica, 5 to 7 feet; Compact, 3 to 5 feet; Harbour, 2 to 3 feet.

*Do not forget the birds. Put out bird feeders and water to help them through the winter. Many seem to like sunflower seeds available at the grocery store. A bucket full of water can make an excellent birdbath.

Concerts in the Park: Volcán!

Volcán is a 13 piece South Texas based Latin Indie Orchestra. Formed in late 2014 the group features a full rhythm section including drum set, congas, bongos, timbales, and piano; a four-piece horn section (sometimes more!), accordion, bass, guitars, auxiliary percussion and vocals, vocals! Despite a dedication to traditional cultural sounds. Volcán is an all original band.

"We hold ourselves to a very high standard, creating pieces of music that stretch the definition of what traditional Latin music can be. Modernizing our favorite classic sounds for a younger audience is an enormous cultural responsibility and we gladly accept the challenge," says bandleader Jaime Raimirez.

Aside from being listed by the SA Current as one of the 20 bands in town you should pay attention to, Volcán is literally an eruption of sound that brings loyal fans out to every show. Last year every person at King William Park was up and dancing to their sizzling sounds and the park was packed with people.

They are a hot, hot, hot band in San Antonio and have plans to expand their reach. Bandleader Jaime Raimirez wants to get the group tour-ready and hit the road. They have done some recording and made some changes in the band to gear up for this season of sound. They've got concerts booked in Austin and at festivals around town and if you miss them on November 4th at King William Park – 5:30pm. You can catch them live at the King William Fair on April 27th, 2019.



KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION CONCERTS in the PARK

SUNDAY, November 4th, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **King William Park** Gazebo

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We Remember John Michael Schmolesky

March 19, 1950 - June 25, 2018

Some of you knew John as a neighbor who owned the tall yellow Lake-Flato house on Arsenal Street at the Washington Street Bridge. Some of you also knew him as a law professor at St. Mary's Law School as many of his former students and law colleagues are also King William neighbors. He loved living in his "tree house" on the River Walk and often exclaimed his sense of good fortune at living in Southtown. He loved

walking the neighborhood and patronizing the local establishments. John passed away suddenly at the end of June while on an anniversary trip in Niagara Falls while celebrating 35 years of life together with his wife, Louise Cantwell. A family tribute was held at St. Mary's School of Law on October 30th.





TREE GIVEAWAY!

Confluence Park 310 W. Mitchell Saturday, November 10 9:00am – Noon

Focus on Neighbors: A Look Back at Maggie Egan

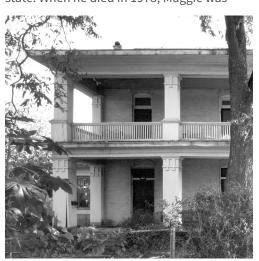
By Bill Cogburn

When Roz and I lived in Houston in the 1980s, we enjoyed coming to San Antonio on weekends where we'd often picnic along the river. One day after lunch, we walked up the steps from the river at Upper Mill Park near the house that sits catty-corner at Washington and Beauregard where we saw an elderly woman wearing a big straw hat tending her garden. As we strolled by, she saw us and announced from across the fence, "I'm Maggie Egan and who might you be?"

After we introduced ourselves, she said, "I've just finished planting my sugar peas and it's time for my afternoon cocktail so please join me." We looked at each other and thought, why not? When we sat down on her front porch, Maggie said, "Okay, what'll you have to drink? You can have whiskey neat or whiskey with water, which will it be?"

When we moved to King William in 1990, we kept in touch with Maggie. We soon learned that her caustic personality had alienated her from most of her neighbors. After she realized that her insults and outrageous behavior didn't put me off, we became good friends.

In the 1960s, Maggie, her husband, James and son, Joe, were displaced from their home on Newton Street when the city took over their neighborhood to create HemisFair Park. Back then, Maggie was an artist specializing in portraiture with a studio in nearby La Villita. Egan, as she called her husband, was an auditor for the state. When he died in 1978, Maggie was



104 Beauregard, 1970's



left with a pension that provided her with a modest income.

Knowing that Maggie and I were friends, "her attorney," Mike Casey, called me one day saying that CPS Energy was at her house threatening to cut off her utilities. I went over and assured CPS that I would take care of the problem. Maggie took me into her dining room and motioned to the dining table where unopened mail was heaped so high it was sliding onto the floor. She agreed to let me sort through the mountain of mail and after a couple of days her finances were back in order. To keep it that way, I reluctantly became her "accountant" as she called me.

Maggie liked to reminisce about a more prosperous time in her life when she had a house full of antiques. By the time we knew her, she'd sold off most of them to cover



104 Beauregard, current

living expenses. Among the few pieces she had left was a little oak wash stand which sat by her front door. As I was leaving after one of our finance meetings, she remarked jokingly, "Don't forget to send me a bill for your services." I pointed to the wash stand and said in jest, "Just leave that to me in your will and we'll call it even."

One day when she didn't answer the door, I broke into Maggie's home where I found she had fallen and had been trapped for days. She spent a few days in the hospital, then she reluctantly agreed to get nursing care.

After weeks of failed attempts to find a home care attendant who would tolerate her, she agreed to go to Chandler's Nursing Home where she stayed about a month. A few days later on July 18, 2000 she died in hospice, aged 90.

Marlo Montoya, a loyal friend and companion to Maggie in her declining years submitted the high bid when her house went on the market and continues to live in the house today.



Later I got a call from Marlo. "The estate sale starts tomorrow," she said, "so you'd better come by and pick up your oak wash stand. It's got your name on it." I was totally surprised and touched that Maggie had remembered my off-handed remark. I cleaned it up and it now sits proudly in our entry hallway. Every time I look at it, I think of her.

King William Fair Takes Home Two 2018 Pinnacle Awards!

The International Festivals & Events Association (IFEA) paid tribute to the King William Fair on October 1, 2018, during the IFEA/Haas & Wilkerson Pinnacle Awards Ceremony held at the 63rd Annual IFEA Convention in San Diego, California, where we were presented with the following two awards in our budget category (\$250,000 to \$1 Million):

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Visit www.ifea.com for a complete list of Pinnacle winners and more information about the IFEA.

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