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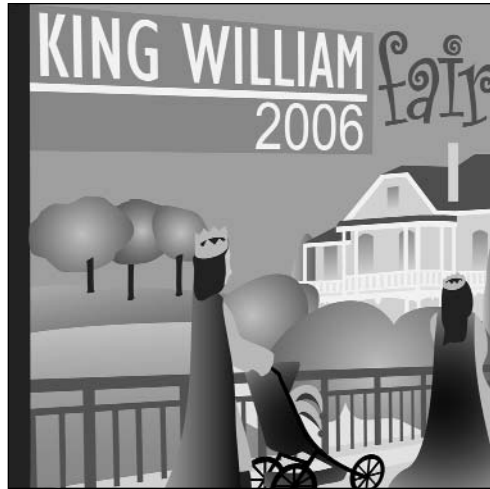
FAIR*VIEW: Message from the Chair

The 2006 edition of the King William Fair is only a couple of weeks away. Many old and new faces are actively involved in the preparation required for such a large undertaking to be successful. We still need volunteers before, during and after the event. If you can spare a couple of hours, call Tina Garza (224-7583) or Betty Yndo (225-6407) to get an assignment.

The admission charge we introduced with bright yellow wristbands last year was a clear financial success and was well received by most visitors. The revenue from the admission charge allows us to hold beer prices at \$3 a cup and sell 20-ounce sodas for \$2...unbelievably great values among Fiesta events. This year's rich purple wristbands are on sale at the Fiesta store and the King William office for \$2 apiece, the same price as last year. With children 17 and under free, a family of 5 can still enter the fair for \$4 total! If you are entertaining guests this year, you might want to consider providing them with wristbands in advance. Just stop by the office to purchase them.

We are returning to tickets for food purchases this year, which should make many fair-goers happy. The multipurpose ticket will be good for food, beverages and Kid's Kingdom attractions. We're extending the hours for admission wristband sales and adding more ticket booths to reduce the inconvenience of waiting in line.

The original artwork for this year features the river, a grand old home and the King pushing the baby, who wears a jester's hat, behind the Queen. It was created by Albert Tamez, a friend of mine who has done a lot of work in my house over the years, including the stained glass scene from Romeo and



Juliet in the upstairs hall. In addition to our pins and medals, his art is featured on our shirts, cups and stationery.

This will be the last year that Pat's Pub will be located in the vacant lot on Madison Street. The new owners are graciously allowing us to place it there this year, but their new home is sure to be constructed there by next year. So, if you are a nostalgia nut, be sure to visit and relax there for a few moments during this Fair.

You wouldn't believe how many people and groups want to be in our parade. Even though it's free, many people say it's the best Fiesta parade at any price. Robert Alvarado is trying hard to preserve its "unorthodox" flavor and keep it focused on local entries. Rose Kanusky and I will be riding Segways near the front of the parade when it steps off from Brackenridge High School this year. You don't want to miss seeing that!

When I chaired the 2005 Fair, I was severely unprepared for the task. Rita and many outstanding committee chairs carried me through the experience, and the Fair was another notable success. But, I couldn't help think about how much better I could have done if I "knew then what I know now." So, I talked it over with Rose and she agreed to wait one more year to

become Fair Chair. We had no way of anticipating some of the challenges ahead. We've endured some significant staff changes since last year and had to rediscover some of our corporate knowledge. Rose, as the Chair Select for a second year, is doing a fabulous job documenting what we do and preparing checklists for many areas of responsibility. I expect the 2007 Fair to be the best organized ever. In the meantime, Kate Ruckman has come on board as the Fair Assistant and done remarkable things to get us ready for this event. Syeira Budd, our new office manager, is also helping significantly as we get close to Fair day.

Let me close with a quote from the article I wrote last year because it's still so appropriate: "I know it's an inconvenience for some of you to have this Fair in front of your house year after year. Because of temporary electric hookups, safety considerations and layout headaches, it's not realistic to make major changes in where things are from year to year. That means someone has to endure port-a-potties in front of the house while others have bands nearby or trucks across the street. In spite of those realities, our goal is to make your experience as pleasant as possible. So, if you have a concern and want to talk about it, call me. We're trying to do a quick, thorough cleanup after the fair so please bear with us as we keep the cars out of the neighborhood for a few hours after the fair ends. It'll be worth it the next day."

The weather is going to be beautiful so plan to enjoy a wonderful day visiting with old and new friends who come to our neighborhood this Fiesta.

--Dick Davis, 2006 Fair Chair

Fair Chair 2006 Dick Davis can be reached at dick.davis@prodigy.net or 573-9929. Chair Select Rose Kanusky can be reached at rkanusky@fulbright.com or 532-1738.

Where's the Parking?

Thank You

We realize how inconvenient the parking and transportation restrictions are for you, your employees, and your friends, both before and during the Fair. We truly appreciate your efforts to observe these restrictions. Many of them (like the parking restrictions south of Alamo Street) were designed to allow the safe passage of emergency vehicles, like fire trucks and ambulances. We want everyone to have fun, but we also want everyone to be safe.

In general, please remember to park with the flow of traffic and 20 feet from a fire hydrant or street corner; otherwise, you risk getting a ticket from the City. Also, do not remove parking signs or move street barricades. We have been told the police are authorized to arrest anyone tampering with these.

Please encourage your friends to walk, car pool, and use public transportation. There is also abundant free parking at the corner of South Alamo and South Flores that will be serviced by a shuttle (provided as courtesy at the expense of the King William Association).

SOUTHEAST OF ALAMO ST.

Parade Zone

Eagleland and Adams will again serve as staging areas for the Parade, beginning at 7 am, until the Parade kicks off at 9:30 am. Please note that Guenther, Adams, and Eagleland will be closed to all traffic from 7 am Saturday until the Parade has passed by (approximately 10 am).

Once the parade starts, it will follow the usual route: Eagleland - Guenther - King William - Turner - Madison - Johnson and crossing S. Alamo again at Wickes.

Parking

Parking on the streets southeast of S. Alamo (Guenther*, Wickes**, Adams**, Mission, and Cedar) will be limited to the west side of the street only, starting no later than 6 am Saturday morning, April 29. This means that if you enter one of those streets from S. Alamo, you must park on the right side of the street (the side toward the river). We anticipate the City will place restricted parking signs

on Friday as a reminder to everyone.

When parking on the west side of the street, be sure to park in the direction of traffic flow and do not park within 15 feet of any fire hydrant or any corner (with or without a stop sign). To ensure pedestrian/parking safety, the police will give tickets to those who fail to park correctly.

Residents who do not have off-street parking are advised to park on the correct (west) side of the street on Friday night, April 28. The police will begin ticketing at 6 am Saturday morning, April 29. Residents should encourage guests to take advantage of remote pay parking lots, or the free lot at 1901 S. Alamo at S. Flores, which is only an 8 minute walk to Guenther. A free shuttle will run to/from that lot, after the parade, from approximately 10 am to 5 pm. (Please see the map on the back of the enclosed blue vehicle pass, which will also be available at www.kwfair.org).

*Guenther is the official parade route. Please refrain from parking on the west side of the street until the parade has passed by (approximately 10:00 am).

**100 blocks of Wickes and Adams (between S. Alamo and Forcke only): To facilitate pedestrian/vehicular safety along the first block of these two narrow streets, no parking will be allowed on either side of the street between 8 am Friday and 6 pm Saturday.

FAIR ZONE

The "Fair Zone" is defined as those streets northwest of S. Alamo St. - between S. Alamo and Durango Blvd., and between the River and S. St. Mary's Street - including Arsenal (from the bridge to the Fair), Beauregard, Johnson, King William, Madison, Pancoast, Sheridan, Turner, and Washington Streets, plus the 100 blocks of Adams and Wickes. All residents of these streets will be required to move their cars off the street, by 8 am on the morning of Friday, April 28.

Restricted Traffic Friday

After 8 am Friday, April 28, there will be no through-traffic within the Fair Zone. However, until 5 pm Friday, April 28, all homes and businesses in the Fair Zone will be accessible as destination points to neighbors, guests,

patrons, delivery vehicles, and B&B guests, as well as employees and visitors to the Steve's Homestead, the Conservation Society and the San Antonio Art League Museum. Street parking will not be available.

After 8 am Friday, April 28, resident vehicles displaying vehicle passes and Fair contractors displaying vehicle passes will be allowed to enter or exit the neighborhood, and such access will be limited to the Arsenal Bridge or Turner Street. Vehicles without passes (except for emergency vehicles), and if they are without a specific destination name and address, they will not be admitted; so please make sure your guests know your specific address!

You will find enclosed in this newsletter either one Vehicle Pass (for households in "Baja") or two Vehicle Passes (for households in the Fair Zone), which are required for traveling in the Fair Zone on Friday. If you need more Vehicle passes for resident family members, employees, or B&B guests, please come by the KWA office. If you cannot come in during these hours, call 227-FAIR (227-3247), and leave a request in the general mailbox, to make arrangements.

No Traffic Saturday

On Saturday, April 29, all streets in the Fair Zone will be closed from 6 am to 7:30 pm. As of 6 am, the only traffic allowed in/out of the neighborhood will be those who are Fair food or craft vendors for set-up, KW Fair logistical support crews, KW Fair chairs/committees, Bexar County Sheriffs, SAPD and emergency vehicles. Do not expect to move a vehicle in/out of the Fair Zone after 6 am Saturday morning (if you think you may need your car from your home that day, be sure to park at H-E-B between 5 pm on Friday and 6 am on Saturday). Booth set-up will begin early since all vendor vehicles must be out of the Zone by 9 am, to allow passage for the parade.

Resident Parking

If you do not have the ability to park on your property as of 8 am, Friday, April 28, you may park at the Blue Star Brewery lot until 5 pm on Friday. After 5 pm, you must move your

car, but you can park at the H-E-B parking lot, located on Main Street, just south of Durango Blvd.

You will find enclosed in this newsletter your initial two-per-household Vehicle Passes; on the reverse side of your Vehicle Pass is your H-E-B Parking Pass. Parking in the H-E-B lot, however, is strictly limited to Fair Zone residents and B&B clientele. Again, if you need more Vehicle passes for resident family members, employees, or B&B guests, please come by the KW office or call 227-FAIR (227-3247).

Guest Parking

We are asking Fair visitors to park in commercial lots nearby and walk to the Fair. Another option is the free parking lot at 1901 S. Alamo (corner of S. Alamo and S. Flores), which is less than an 8-minute walk to the Guenther Street Fair entrance. This free lot will be served by a free shuttle that will be running a continuous, circular route, offering stops at the Fair, Brackenridge High School, and 1901 S Alamo, from (at least) 9:30 am until 5 pm. Additional route hours may be available; check posted signs and the website (www.kwfair.org).

If you are planning a private party at your home or expect guests to arrive by car, please advise them to park in the commercial lots and walk to the Fair, or park at the free S. Alamo/S. Flores lot, and walk or ride the shuttle to the Fair. Please note, although the parking lot previously used by Fair attendees at UTSA (under the IH-35 freeway) should still be available, we will not be running a shuttle to that lot.

Clean Up Affects Parking

The Fair ends at 6 pm; however, vendors, crews and contractors will work throughout the night on Saturday, removing booths, rides, tents, trucks, and trash. To facilitate the large, street-cleaner machines that will come through the Fair zone during Saturday evening, please, if at all possible, do not park on the Fair Zone streets until Sunday morning.

Questions?

Feel free to contact the KWA Office with any questions you may have. As always, thank you for your cooperation.



KW Fair 2006

What's For Sale?

This year's Fair Art is wonderfully displayed on a pin, as well as a purple ribbon medal and a blue and white ribbon medal. Pins are \$6 each (\$5 for KWA Members), and Medals are \$7 each (\$6 for KWA Members). A limited number of bright yellow t-shirts featuring this year's Fair Art are available for \$15 each. The artwork is also available on plastic cups when you buy a beer at the Fair.

You can purchase this year's Fair merchandise, as well as additional admission wrist bands, at the KWA Office during regular business hours or during the special Fiesta hours the week before the Fair. Pins, medals, t-shirts and admission bands can be purchased at The Fiesta Store, located at 2611 Broadway. Store hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Special Friends & Sponsors

We extend a great, big Fiesta "thank you" to our corporate sponsors. Our media neighbor, KWEX/Univision, has once again graciously offered to sponsor our key stage in King William Park. Also returning for another year is Grande Communications, which sponsors the Kid's Float in the Parade. Coca-Cola provides the majority of our non-alcoholic beverages and helps to underwrite the cost of volunteer t-shirts, as do our beer providers, Halo Distributing and GLI Distributing.

Generous gifts in kind are provided by our neighbors, H-E-B, the San Antonio River Authority, SAILS, and individual property owners. Thanks also go to Valero, which sends hundreds of volunteers to assist us on the day of the Fair. Words cannot express our gratitude.

Children & Parents

Those of you interested in participating in the 2006 KW Parade Children's Float, please contact Christine Van Wyck at 222-0776.

Fair Volunteers are still needed!

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Keep KW Clean

A **Special Fiesta Brush pickup** for our area has been scheduled for **Monday, April 24**, and will be followed by street cleaners. The city will make only one pass. Please have material assembled no earlier than Saturday, April 22 (or the date indicated on door flyers), and do not block the piles with vehicles on April 24.

On Friday, April 28, King William volunteers will be placing 220 fifty-five gallon drums, 1500 trash liners, 8 large dumpsters, and 140 port-a-potties through the Fair Zone. These items are for use on Fair Day only. Please do not use these to dump your trash, as this will only make the volunteer efforts more difficult. Residents are advised to remove all domestic trash receptacles from curbside before Saturday, April 29.

The hot and dirty task of collecting trash generated by our visitors on Fair Day falls on the Brackenridge High School Football team and its coaches. (Thank you, team!) The team is instructed to empty the fifty-five gallon drums and will not empty your individual trash cans. In past years, neighbors have left filled trash cans in the street to be helpful, but these containers will only result in more trash in the street. If you have trash generated by private Fair day parties, please treat it like any other trash and place it on the street only on your regularly scheduled pick up day.

At 6 pm, the kids are instructed to empty remaining trash and flip the drums. Vendors, volunteer crews, and contractors will then work throughout the night on Saturday, removing booths, rides, tents, trucks, trash, drums, and port-a-potties. To facilitate the large street-cleaner machines that will come through the Fair zone Saturday night, PLEASE do not park on the Fair Zone streets until Sunday morning. On Sunday, additional King William volunteers will be walking the street picking up any remaining stray debris. Please help us in this effort by taking a trash bag out Sunday morning and walking the neighborhood - even one block would help so much.

Parties in the Zone

Many of you who live in the Fair Zone host wonderful parties during the Fair. Please consider purchasing wrist bands for your guests during the office's extended Fiesta hours. While your guests are certainly welcome to go straight to your house without wrist bands, the wrist bands will allow them to take full advantage of the food, drink, and fun at the Fair. Most guests will be happy to contribute \$2 for adults (children are free) when you tell them how the Fair raises money for scholarships, arts programs, libraries, graffiti abatement, tree plantings, and other community-based programs.

If you're expecting guests to arrive by car, please remind them about the street closures, detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. Guests can always park in nearby commercial lots and walk to the Fair. Or they can park for free at the lot located at S. Alamo/S. Flores, and then walk or ride the free shuttle to the Fair. Street parking in the neighborhood is also available on a limited basis south of S. Alamo Street. Details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please reserve your party garbage for your regularly scheduled trash pickup day. We spend thousands of dollars each Fair cleaning up the mess, and we're committed to returning your streets to order as quickly as possible. Garbage not generated by Fair-goers is in danger of being left behind by the paid crews, making it more difficult for our neighborhood volunteers to keep the area clean.

Have fun at your party inside the party!

Extended Office Hours

In honor of Fiesta and the Fair, the King William Association Office will be open Monday, April 24, through Friday, April 28, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

There will be no May newsletter. Next KWA Meeting on **Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.** at Blue Star Brewery.



It is with regrets that we bid Christie Kinnison goodbye as she moves to the state of Washington to take care of her ill father.

Christie was the artist who did all of the drawings for the Welcome Wagon logo,

name tags, color drawings for the new neighbor packet, complimentary cards, and 2005 Home Tour program cover as well as the five individual homes. She is an artist of talent in conception as well as fine drawing and use of color.

She had started doing individual home color interiors consultation.

Thanks, Christie, we will miss you, but we wish you well.

Betty Yndo



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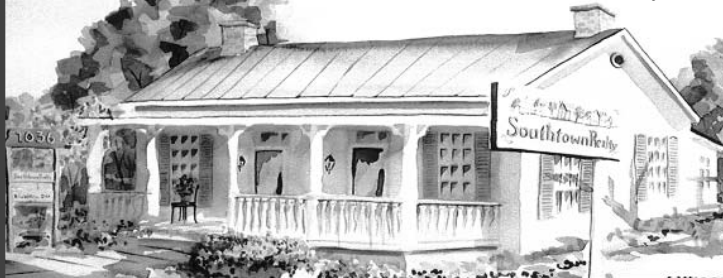
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KWA CALENDAR

Fri., April 21

Fiesta Begins

Mon., April 24

Brush/Trash Pick-up Begins

Sat., April 29

KING WILLIAM FAIR

Wed., May 3

KWA General Meeting, Blue Star Brewery at 7pm

Wed., May 17

KWA Board Meeting, KWA Office at 7pm

Fri., May 19

June Newsletter Deadline

Mon., May 29

June Newsletter Mail Prep, KWA Office at 6pm

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the King William Association is to preserve and maintain the residential nature and historic characteristics of the King William Neighborhood and the diversity of its people; to intercede on behalf of the neighborhood with issues affecting the community by all civic avenues available including advocating for residential status with city; to improve quality of life by building community, promoting cultural endeavors, and providing scholarships and growth opportunities for deserving recipients. (approved 3/19/97)

DECLARACION DE LA MISION

La misión de la Asociación King William es preservar y mantener la naturaleza residencial y las características históricas del vecindario, así como la diversidad de sus residentes; interceder a favor del vecindario en asuntos que afectan a la comunidad por todos los medios disponibles incluyendo abogar con la Ciudad para conservar el estatus residencial del zona; mejorar el nivel de vida mediante el desarrollo de la comunidad, promoviendo actividades culturales y proporcionando becas y oportunidades de superación a quienes lo ameriten. (aprobado 3/19/97)