

Monthly *Memo*



Downtown San Antonio

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Downtown Alliance San Antonio Newsletter

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Centro Celebrates Reauthorization and includes a boundary expansion!



Downtown Alliance and Centro San Antonio celebrates the reauthorization of our public improvement district as well as welcomes an expansion in our boundary. We welcome the opportunity to further assist residence, property owners and businesses in downtown San Antonio. In the past five years Centro San Antonio has:

- Assisted nearly 4 million residents and guests in downtown San Antonio
 - Answered over 5,000 calls regarding VIA routes and information
 - Removed nearly half a million chewing gum spots from downtown
 - Collected more than a million pounds of trash
 - Eliminated over 40,000 graffiti tags and stickers
- Planted and maintained 25,000 potted plants on the pedestrian light poles and sidewalk planters.

We have had a wonderful time working with the individuals of San Antonio to make Downtown a better place and look forward to growing with each of you for the next five years.

Houston Street Fair & Market

Saturday, May 30, 2009 * 12 noon - 6pm



NEW MEMBER:

Fisher Heck Architects
represented by Charles John, AIA

Renewing Members:

El Tropicana Hotel

represented by Mr. James Lifshutz

Hyatt Regency Hotels

represented by Don McDaniel

Grand Hyatt

Houston Street Fair & Market

Ice Cream Fest



**Saturday, May 30, 2009
12 Noon-6PM**

Features:
 Cow Milking Demos & 25ft Ice Cream Cone by SW Dairy Association
 Root Beer Floats by Blue Star
 Paletas by El Paraiso



And More....
 Arts & Crafts
 Food Booths
 Pets In The Park
 Live Entertainment
 Becker Farms Winery

FREE PARKING @ St. Mary's Parking Garage
 For More Information visit our website:
www.houstonstreetfair.com or call (210) 207-7258

Parking Wayfinding Master Plan Public Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2009

- represented by Tom Netting
- Institute of Texan Cultures**
- represented by Aaron Parks
- McNay Art Museum**
- represented by William Chiego
- Providence-College Prep**
- represented by Anne Bristol
- Riverside Properties**
- represented by John Rizzo
- Uptown Flowers**
- represented by Bev Mahnke
- Westin Riverwalk Hotel**
- represented by Rob Fagen
- DTA and Centro Welcome a New Mayor and City Council Members.**

City of San Antonio
Parking Wayfinding Master Plan Public Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2009

San Antonio Central Public Library
600 Soledad in the Auditorium
Open House 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Presentation and Meeting 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

In the spring of last year, the City endorsed the Downtown Parking Management Study. Now that we know there is plenty of parking available downtown, how do we find it? As a follow-up to that study, the City has initiated a parking wayfinding master planning process. This plan is being developed to ensure Downtown users are easily guided to convenient, reliable parking locations through the effective and efficient use of signage. Private parking providers are also being invited to learn how they can participate in the proposed program.

Come to the open house and public meeting to review the preliminary design ideas and let us know your thoughts and suggestions.

For more information, please contact Ximenes & Associates at (210)354-2925 or via e-mail at sjimenez@swbell.net.

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Presentation and meeting 4:00 - 6:00 PM

The Pearl Farmers Market is Here!

Saturday, May 16th 9am - 1pm

200 E. Grayson Street

DTA and Centro San Antonio would like to extend a full-hearted congratulations to San Antonio's new Mayor Julián Castro and to Council Members Mary Alice P. Cisneros, Jennifer Ramos, Philip A. Cortez, Ray Lopez, Justin Rodriguez, Elisa Chan, John G. Clamp and we wish the best of luck to those candidates who are in the run off for election. We look forward to working with the newly elected Mayor and City Council to make downtown San Antonio better and better.

Congratulations!

From your friends at Downtown Alliance and Centro San Antonio!

Southwest School of Art & Craft



All School Exhibition 2009
April 16, 2009 - June 21, 2009

Russell Hill Rogers
Galleries | Navarro Campus

The annual All School Exhibition showcases outstanding recent works in a variety of media by artists, teachers and students at the Southwest School of Art & Craft.

Gallery Hours

Navarro Campus
Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the public.

Ursuline Campus.
Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Free and Open to the public.



THE PEARL FARMERS MARKET IS HERE!
Saturday, May 16th
9am—1pm
200 E. Grayson Street. 78215

Please join us for the *Pearl Farmers Market Grand Opening Celebration* at historic Pearl Brewery, on the San Antonio River (behind the Full Goods Building), where you will find fresh, local, and seasonal products, with live entertainment and more!

We are proud to introduce **"MesAllegre"**
 A Chef's table at the Farmers Market at 11 am featuring Chef **Johnny Hernandez**—Visit www.mesallegre.com to reserve your seating today!




Enjoy music by Emory Quinn

Savor the flavor of a cooking demonstration by renowned Chef **Andrew Weissman** with restaurants soon to open at Pearl.

www.pearlfarmersmarket.com

For more information, contact the Director of Exhibitions at 210.224.1848, ext 403 or email exhibits@swschool.org.

WindowWorks at Artpace



WindowWorks:

Mimi Kato

Peruse the Main Avenue windows from outdoors or step inside for an art experience! Mimi Kato creates computer-generated self-portraits and animations informed by the folk tales she heard as a child. By photographing herself dressed in costume with animal masks, she explores the implications of her dual heritage. On view through September 20.

Majestic Theatre



Wicked

June 3-28, Tuesday - Friday at 8 pm, Saturday at 2 pm & 8 pm, and Sunday at 2 pm & 7:30 pm in the Majestic Theatre

SAFFE officers offer assistance to Neighborhoods and Businesses.



The central core of SAPD's Community Policing activities is the SAFFE (San Antonio Fear Free Environment) Unit. First established in 1994-95 with 60 officers and supervisors, then enlarged in 1996 with an additional 40 officers, the SAFFE Unit consists of officers who focus on identifying,

evaluating and resolving community crime problems with the cooperation and participation of community residents.

SAFFE officers are assigned to specific areas or neighborhoods within the city, and work closely with both residents and the district patrol officers also assigned to those areas. SAFFE officers establish and maintain day-to-day interaction with residents and businesses within their assigned beats, in order to prevent crimes before they happen. SAFFE officers also act as liaisons with other city agencies, work closely with schools and youth programs, coordinate graffiti-removal activities, and serve as resources to residents who wish to take back their neighborhoods from crime and decay.

The Central SAFFE Unit can provide the following programs:

Cellular on Patrol Training

Workplace Violence

Personal Safety

Downtown Safety

Robbery Prevention

These and many more programs are available to anyone who request our help, We can cover any crime/crime prevention topic. Many businesses have been contacting our office to teach, during their employee meetings.

Grand Opening of a new Permanent exhibit at the Childrens Museum



GRAND OPENING!!!

A new fast-paced gravity-defying PERMANENT exhibit!!

PowerBALL HALL

Saturday, May 30

Opens 9:00 am

PowerBALL Hall is an interactive ball exhibit that entertains while introducing children to simple principles of physics. As they move among the ball stations, children are physically active while developing motor and visual tracking skills.

Explore, Engage, Experience...
PowerBALL Hall!

Museum Reach - Urban Segment Opens to the Public...



The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30th with an event featuring San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, San Antonio River Authority Board Member Sally Buchanan and San Antonio River Oversight Committee Co-Chairmen Lila Cockrell and Irby Hightower. Immediately following the opening ceremony there will be an afternoon filled with music, food and fun for the whole family as local San Antonians and visitors alike will be welcome to enjoy the new 1.5 mile expansion along the San Antonio River. River barge rides and walking tours will be available. In addition to the public festival along the river there will be activities taking place at adjoining properties (e.g. San Antonio Museum Art, The Pearl, Turner Bowling Alley, El Tropicano Hotel and others) providing family fun throughout the Museum Reach Urban Segment all day long.

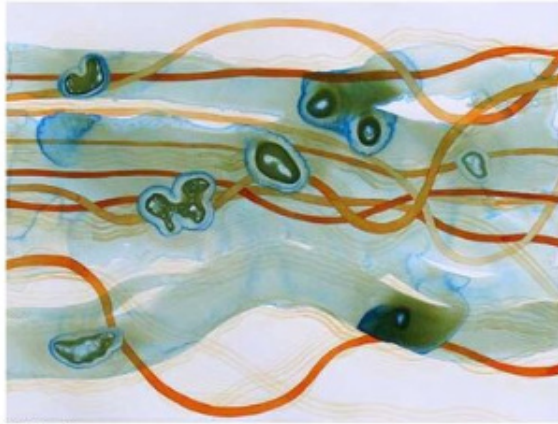
On Sunday, May 31st there will be additional celebrations taking place along the Museum Reach Urban Segment such as the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Walk & Roll on the River event taking place at The Pearl and a special brunch honoring Mayor Phil Hardberger taking place at the San Antonio Museum of Art. Additional information will be updated and made available as the event draws near.

<http://www.sanantonioriver.org>

CineMundo at Main Plaza



SAMA Public Opening of the Museum Reach!



Liz Ward
Orange Gyre, 2008
watercolor and gouache on paper
23" x 30"

Saturday, May 30: Public Opening of the Museum Reach. Museum admission half-price all day.

1 to 3 pm. Artists Panel co-hosted with the San Antonio River Foundation. Come hear from the eight local and international artists who have designed 12 new public art installations for the Museum Reach.

and

In celebration of the opening of the newly expanded Riverwalk this May, SAMA is pleased to present *Waterflow*, an exhibition of recent works by fifteen Texas artists who have been inspired by water. Organized by David S. Rubin, The Brown Foundation Curator of Contemporary Art, the exhibition features the work of Norman Rene Avila, Andy Benavides, Justin Boyd, Nate Cassie, Rebecca Dietz, Jayne Lawrence, Mark Menjivar, Leslie Raymond, Ansen Seale, Penelope Speier, Laura Varela and Guillermina Zabala, Bettie Ward, Liz Ward, and Liliana Wilson. These artists work in several mediums and take a variety of approaches, with themes centering on the essence of nature, the passage of time, nature as metaphor, and the preservation of the environment.

The McNay Celebrates 50 years

Slab Cinema and The Main Plaza Conservancy are teaming up to present CineMundo, a monthly foreign film series at Main Plaza.

Join us:

9pm - 11pm at Main Plaza
Downtown for

CineMundo Monthly Foreign
Films showing *Chungking
Express**

June 19th and 20th for
CineMundo: India
featuring *The Darjeeling Limited*
June 19th and an Indian film
June 20th

July 25th for *The Dinner Game*

August 29th for *Cinema Paradiso*
(rescheduled from May 30th) *

September 18th and 19th for
the *Golden Age of Mexican
Cinema*

Out and About in Downtown San Antonio!

May 16 at **Radius**
(106 Auditorium Circle) **RAGTIME**
Concert Saturday at 7:30pm
Free!

Aldacos has a DAILY HAPPY
HOUR FROM
2PM TO 6PM with
\$3.00 House Margaritas (frozen
or rocks), \$3.00 beer (domestic
or imported), \$5.00 signature
margaritas: The Avocado
Margarita, The Spicy Margarita,
"MPO" (Margarita Pour Off
winner) made with the world's
top rated Tequila Partida.

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Quick Links

Fifty Years of Print Masterpieces
February 25, 2009 - June 7, 2009



In 2009 the Friends of the McNay celebrate their 50th anniversary. This exhibition marks this important milestone by showing some of the highlights of five decades of Friends' contributions to the McNay's renowned print collection. The gifts of the Friends have been so rich and numerous that the exhibition will be presented in two parts with 19th- and early 20th-century prints shown in the Jerry Lawson Print Gallery and late twentieth- and contemporary prints installed in our new Charles Butt Paperworks Gallery in the Jane and Arthur Stieren Center for Exhibitions

Downtown Residence Association News



ACTIVE MEMBERS WANTED: You DO NOT have to be a Downtown Residence Association Board member to have a voice in DRA. We need help with our meeting planning committee and membership committee. Please consider donating a couple of hours a month to help us grow and discover wonderful downtown locations to host our meetings. Contact Joan at joankorte@mac.com or 225-6783 to serve your DRA!

Institute of Texan Cultures - Folklife Festival

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The Texas Folklife Festival

June 12 - 14, 2009 Celebrate Everything Texas this year at the Texas Folklife Festival. For three days, friends, families, and complete strangers will come together to experience the culture and heritage of those who settled, developed and collectively define the Lone Star state.

Ten event stages will showcase 25 hours of music and engaging performances. Traditional food dishes from Europe, Asia, South America, Mexico and Texas will be featured this year, and craft aficionados, shoppers and the just plain curious are sure to get a kick out of festival demonstrators and artisans who come to share their talent.

King William Association - Concerts in the Park 2009

Next Concert features German Folk Music on Sunday, June 14, 6 p.m.

Join your neighbors and friends at the FREE King William Concerts in the Park!

WHEN: Second Sundays at 6 p.m. in May & June, 7 p.m. in July & August, 6:30 p.m. in September & October

WHERE: King William Park (King William @ Turner)

Music on June 14
Dixieland Jazz on July 12
Conjunto Band on August 9
String Quartet on September 13
Tango on October 11

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