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IN-PERSON MONTHLY MEETING - AUG 17TH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Thursday, August 17th, at 7pm, we will be having our monthly meeting **IN-PERSON!** at Lions Field!

- refreshments and small snacks will be available.
 - if you would like to bring a dish to share, that would be so sweet!

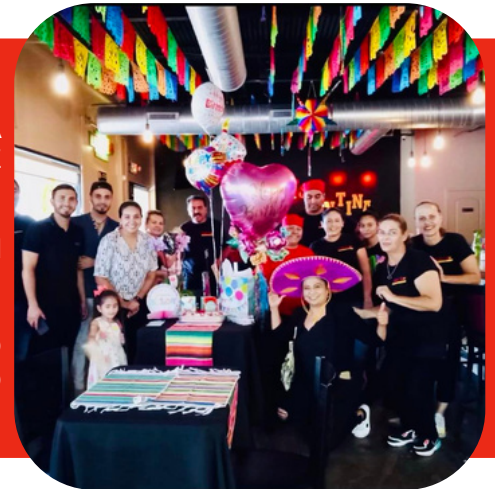
We look forward to seeing everyone there! :)

ANOTHER SATURDAY SOCIAL!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th from 6-8pm: Join us @ Chela's Tacos - St Marys! A River Road Exclusive event hosted by Chela's! Enjoy Buy One Get One FREE drinks! *House Margaritas & Bottled Beer*

Join us in welcoming new owners, The Reyna Family! Two brothers, both named Alex, took over 1 year ago and manage both locations!

RSVP by 8/25 to join the fun! Please let Sydney know if you will be able to attend by **RSVPing** on our website, emailing, texting, etc - we need to finalize a headcount to make sure we have enough space :)



SOCIAL MEDIA LAUNCH!

- LET'S BE INTERNET FRIENDS! We have made "official" social media accounts for all things River Road.
- Instagram: @RiverRoadSanAntonio
- Facebook: @RiverRoadSanAntonioTexas
- Facebook Group: River Road Neighborhood (San Antonio)

If you would like to submit a photo/video to be shared, please use the hashtag #RiverRoadSanAntonio in your caption! Or.. tag us or email hi.riverroad@gmail.com for more info!

If you would like to make a special request/add to the newsletter/calendar/share ideas/etc please email, hi.riverroad@gmail.com



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CONSERVATION SOCIETY GRANT APPLICATIONS

- It's that time of year when the Conservation Society begins receiving applications for building and education grants.
- Was your home built at least 50 years ago? Are you hoping to restore it to its former glory, but need some help? Last year, 6 recipients received grants to assist in their preservation projects. Work included the restoration of the front facades, doors, windows, porches, repointing mortar and roof replacements.
- **APPLY TODAY! THE DEADLINE IS 8/29/2023 @ 4PM!**
- For more information, please visit: <https://www.saconservation.org/what-we-do/building-grants/>

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO..

we are currently brainstorming ideas for fall.. if you have any suggestions/ideas, **PLEASE REACH OUT TO US** by emailing hi.riverroad@gmail.com

- River Road Garage Sale & Porch Party in October
- Anonymous neighborhood survey
- Monthly Saturday Socials
- Halloween home/yard Decorating Contest
- Pumpkin carving/decorating party & Contest



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2017 Bond

Committee Chairs: Roy Schweers & Susan Strawn

- On Thursday, August 3rd, City Council backed moving forward with in **6-4 vote**. Council awarded \$3.5M contract to Amstar, Inc. to work on repairing the historic retaining walls, stabilizing the pump house and reconstruction the grand staircase. (More detailed information via "Note from Roy")
 - **YEA voters:** Mayor Ron Nirenberg, John Courage (D9), Marina Gavito (D7), Manny Pelaez (D8), Marc Whyte (D10), Dr Sukh Kaur (D1)
 - **NAY voters:** Phyllis Viagran (D3), Melissa Cabello Havrda (D6), Jalen McKee-Rodriguez (D2), Teri Castillo (D5)
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to Roy at **roy.schweers@gmail.com**

Historic Guidelines

Committee Chair: Patricia Pratchett

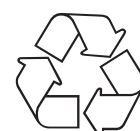
A note from Patricia:

- The proposed River Road Historic District Guidelines were presented at a briefing of the Historic Design Review Commission's (HDRC) regular meeting August 2nd. The City of San Antonio's (CoSA) Office of Historic Preservation(OHP) outlined the history, purpose and objectives of the River Road Neighborhood Association's (RRNA) Historic Guidelines initiative.
- **Commissioners were interested and supportive.** The proposed guidelines will be presented to the HDRC for approval at one of their September regular meetings, scheduled for **September 6th or 20th**
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to Patricia at **bellamax@aol.com**

General

Committee applications

- If you have submitted an application online or via 811 River Road mailbox, please allow up to 4 weeks on an update.
- ALL applications are reviewed by the committee members, committee chair, RRNA Board and RRNA Chair



A note from Roy,

AUGUST 8, 2023

Last week brought significant developments in the Brackenridge Park Lambert Beach project, including city council decisions, Section 106 project submissions, and legal actions by RRNA.

The Bond Monitor Committee met with the newly elected District 1 Council Member, Kaur, at the Lambert Beach site on August 2nd. The central aim of this meeting was to review the position of RRNA, which strongly advocates for project design changes that preserves more trees in place. Despite the thoughtful opposition presented, Council Member Kaur ultimately voted in favor of advancing the Lambert Beach Project. The vote, on August 3rd, was notably close. The San Antonio City Council, with a 6-4 majority, granted approval for the construction contract to proceed.

Led by Jalen McKee-Rodriguez (District 2), Council Members Phyllis Viagran (District 3), Melissa Cabello Havrda (District 6), and Teri Castillo (District 5) stood in opposition to the project's advancement. In a valiant effort, they proposed a motion for a one-month delay to explore alternative solutions for tree preservation. Unfortunately, this motion did not secure enough support and consequently failed to pass.

It's important to highlight that the regulatory approval process for the project remains incomplete. Before construction can proceed, the next step involves Section 106 review process, a mandate established by the Secretary of the Interior under the National Historic Preservation Act. On August 3rd, the city submitted its Section 106 Treatment Plan for review by the Texas Historic Commission. For further insights into the plan, you can access it on the city's official project landing page: [Brackenridge Park Lambert Beach Treatment Plan](#) The monitoring committee plans to evaluate the Treatment Plan and furnish comments to the Texas Historic Commission. There is some hope that meaningful changes with respect to preserving more trees in the design can be included as part of this review.

Also, on August 3rd, RRNA filed an appeal in state district court. This appeal contests the Board of Adjustment's decision to uphold the Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the Office of Historical Preservation. The appeal states the issuance of the COA is unlawful, given misrepresentations of the United Development Code and the failure to secure recommendations from the city arborist, among other reasons.

Additionally, it's noteworthy that The UT Law Clinic has partnered with a lawyer from Jones Day, a prominent national law firm. Jones Day has initiated communication with the City, signaling the potential for a federal lawsuit. This legal action is undertaken on behalf of two plaintiffs who are members of the Lipan Apache Native American Church. Their perspective is rooted in their cultural beliefs, viewing the headwaters as a sacred site within their creation story.



Roy Schweers
Committee Chair - 2017 Bond Project

HELPFUL RIVER ROAD THINGS

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HOWDY NEIGHBOR! The River Road Report/our monthly newsletter goes out **every second Thursday of the month!** You will be able to find it..

- via PDF/email on the 2nd Thursday of the month
- 20 printed copies in the community garden (while supplies last)
- Online at: <https://www.riverroadna.org/theriverroadreport>

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

The best way to stay informed & connected is by joining our email list!

Please email,
RRNA78212@gmail.com
to be added.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Every 3rd Thursday of the month!



THE RRNA

The River Road Neighborhood Association (RRNA) is not mandatory or an HOA. The work of the association is done by unpaid volunteers who live in the neighborhood. The RRNA board is elected annually at our annual meeting in March. Neighborhood Association dues are \$10 per household per year.

GARDEN WORK DAYS

Join us at the community garden every third Saturday of the month! from 9am-12pm

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

www.riverroadna.org

CONNECT WITH THE CHAIR - JEROME MARTIN

RRNA78212@gmail.com



August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FREE MUSEUM DAY @ THE WITTEE 3PM-7PM	2 RIVER ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDELINES DRAFT BRIEFING - OHP & HDRC @ 3PM	3 NEWSLETTER DAY!	4	5 FREE YOGA AT BOMBAY BICYCLE CLUB @ 10AM San Antonio Zoo LOCAL DAY! \$8 ADMISSION
6 PICKLE BALL @ ED'S @ 7pm	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 PICKLE BALL @ ED'S @ 7pm	14	15 HAWTHORNE ACADEMY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL EDISON HS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	16	17 RR AUGUST MEETING AT LIONS CLUB @ 7pm	18	19 COMMUNITY GARDEN DAY @ 9AM-12PM
20 PICKLE BALL @ ED'S @ 7pm	21	22 FREE MUSEUM DAY @ THE WITTEE 3PM-7PM	23	24	25 LAST DAY TO RSVP FOR THE SATURDAY SOCIAL @ CHELAS	26 SATURDAY SOCIAL @ CHELAS 6-8PM
27 PICKLE BALL @ ED'S @ 7pm	28	29 FREE MUSEUM DAY @ THE WITTEE 3PM-7PM	30	31		

want to add to the calendar? email hi.riverroad@gmail.com