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## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE RESCHEDULED

- The River Road Community Garage Sale has been rescheduled to March 23, 2024! (SAVE THE DATE!)
- Robin has taken lead and will have more information as the time gets closer.
- If you would like to volunteer to get a permit/participate, please connect with her at RobinBastien@gmail.com

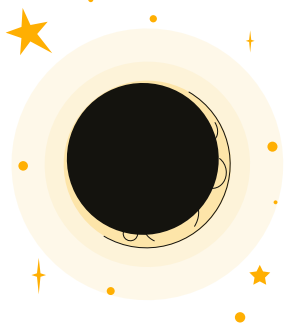
## NEWSLETTER IS NOW FULLY DIGITAL

- Due to the cost of printing and our efforts on saving the trees -- the newsletter is now being shared online/digitally only.
- We will still be sending the PDF copy to you all via email, every second Thursday of the month, and as always, linked online at <https://www.riverroadna.org/theriverroadreport>



## PICKLEBALL IS BACK AT ED'S HOUSE

- The weather has been amazing and we are back to playing pickleball in front of Ed's house! If you've never played before, Ed would love to teach you! He also has extra paddles he would love to share - just show up and have some fun!
- Join us EVERY SUNDAY at 5:30pm!
- Email Ed for more information at [Epinertex@gmail.com](mailto:Epinertex@gmail.com)



The annual Solar Eclipse is happening on Saturday, October 14th!



If you would like to make a special request/add to the newsletter/calendar/share ideas/etc please email,

[hi.riverroad@gmail.com](mailto:hi.riverroad@gmail.com)



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# **HALLOWEEN**

## **HOME DECORATING CONTEST**

FROM NOW UNTIL OCTOBER 27TH! | Voting will be held online via email on the 26th!  
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Historic Resources

Committee Chair: Barbara Witte-Howell

114 Dewberry. Case # 2023-257 | Owners: Daniel & Stephanie. Pina  
New Construction of a 2-story house | Jim Tafoya / Brio Builders

- The committee met with the architect and builder in June to review the drawings of the proposed new construction. The committee made a few suggestions to perhaps make approval more likely. These primarily concerned the front-loaded garage location and the window sizes and proportions. The comments were received without comment. On June 21, 2023, the project was granted conceptual approval w/ stipulations by the HDRC.
- Some changes were made and the project was sent to the Design Review Committee of the HDRC on July 26 and September 13. On Sept 20, 2023, a letter was sent to the Owners listing the stipulations required by OHP. The list included:

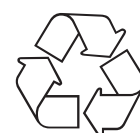
1. Relocation of the front-loaded garage.
2. All mechanical equipment to be screened from public view
3. An archeological investigation of the property prior to the start of construction.
4. Applicant required to revise footprint of house to follow existing setbacks.

- No further Design Review Committee meeting or HDRC have been scheduled at this time.
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to **Barbara at [bwitteh@hotmail.com](mailto:bwitteh@hotmail.com)**

Planning

Committee Chair: Gemma Kennedy

- Subarea planning process starting in early 2023
- Worked with Office of Historic Preservation, followed and informed the neighborhood on UDC changes.
- Working with Tier 1 Neighborhood Alliance to address issues common to inner city neighborhoods.
- Followed zoning changes for the small houses on the access road of 281 – bought lot for parking lot
- abutting single family home for businesses across the street.
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to Gemma at **[bkgk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bkgk@sbcglobal.net)**



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Committee Chairs: Roy Schweers & Susan Strawn

- Awaiting the preliminary ruling
- Currently monitoring the Section 106 process – Army Corp and Texas Historic Commission
- Rejected first submission from the City
- Sent to tribes for support
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to **Roy at [roy.schweers@gmail.com](mailto:roy.schweers@gmail.com)**

Bylaws

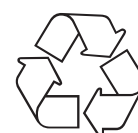
Committee Chair: Hector Gonzalez

- Appointment of two members is pending
- Goals for 2023-2024 pending approval by committee
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to **Hector at [rbwhhg1959@twc.com](mailto:rbwhhg1959@twc.com)**

Historic Guidelines

Committee Chair: Patricia Pratchett

- Previous Board authorized proceeding with the Historic District Guidelines because the neighborhood was being targeted for inappropriate development.
- The city did not permit us to update our Neighborhood Plan; we are about to enter a community planning process where we will be in a larger subarea plan group and without a clear plan, we may not be able to preserve the things we value.
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to **Patricia at [bellamax@aol.com](mailto:bellamax@aol.com)**



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Sunken Gardens

Committee Chair: Blanquita Sullivan

- Committee Proposal: Current capacity 900 fixed seats up to 4000,
- Current Proposal: 5900 fixed seats with lawn capacity to 7000; 48 performances, private for-profit
- management company, no sound study, no provision for community events, no plan to protect access to the park for regular users, no business plan, concerns about sustainability of the venue.
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to **Blanquita at [blanquitasullivan@gmail.com](mailto:blanquitasullivan@gmail.com)**

Safety

Committee Chair: Victoria Haynes

- House on Huisache is slated for demolition because Code Compliance says it is a dangerous building House built in 1910.
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to **Victoria at [RiverRoadSafety@icloud.com](mailto:RiverRoadSafety@icloud.com)**

River

Committee Chair: Bill Ayor

- Reached out to Brian Mast of SARA to request a monthly committee update on the progress of the SARA/Army Corps
- Setting up a meeting with Frates Seligson to understand how they have worked with the Army Corps.
- If you all have any questions/comments, please reach out to **Bill at [billaylor@gmail.com](mailto:billaylor@gmail.com)**

If you all have any comments, questions, concerns, etc -- please reach out to the Committee Chair.





# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PICKLE BALL @ ED'S @ 5:30pm	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 PICKLE BALL @ ED'S @ 5:30pm	9	10 FREE MUSEUM DAY @ THE WITTEE 3PM-7PM	11	12 NEWSLETTER DAY!	13	14 ANNUAL SOLAR ECLIPSE
15 PICKLE BALL @ ED'S @ 5:30pm Our Lady of Sorrows Church Octoberfest 12pm-7pm	16	17 FREE MUSEUM DAY @ THE WITTEE 3PM-7PM	18	19 RR OCTOBER MEETING - ZOOM @ 7pm	20 San Antonio Zoo LOCAL DAY! \$8 ADMISSION	21 COMMUNITY GARDEN DAY @ 9AM-12PM Annual Fall Family Festival at The Circle School @ 4pm
22 PICKLE BALL @ ED'S @ 5:30pm	23	24 FREE MUSEUM DAY @ THE WITTEE 3PM-7PM	25	26 HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST VOTING	27 HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT!	28
29 PICKLE BALL @ ED'S @ 5:30pm - in a Halloween Costume	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!				

want to add to the calendar? email [hi.riverroad@gmail.com](mailto:hi.riverroad@gmail.com)

