



# Brack Pack

## NEWSLETTER

Brackenridge Park Conservancy

November 2021

*A season of giving begins.  
Give a gift towards the  
restoration of San Antonio's  
iconic Park.*

**Donate**



# COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY  
NOV. 6, 2021  
PARK OPEN HOUSE  
10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Hosted by  
**Brackenridge Park  
Conservancy  
& San Antonio River  
Authority**

Sponsored by  
**San Antonio Parks &  
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[brackenridgepark.org](http://brackenridgepark.org)



## Brackenridge Park

*Come See What's  
Happening in  
YOUR PARK!*

### Music!

Trumpeter Jerrold Feigenbaum @ 11 a.m. **1**  
Accordionist Santiago Jiménez Jr. @ 1 p.m. **2**

### Food Trucks!

Cheesy Jane's Burgers **3**  
Charm City SnoBalls **4**  
Doña Kiki's Tacos & Gorditas **5**

Exhibit of Artifacts Found in Brackenridge Park **6**  
from the UTSA Center for Archeological Research

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*Let Your Voice be Heard!*  
*Participate in our survey in English & Spanish*  
*(click on QR code)*  
&

*enter your chance to win (no purchase required):*

- A Native Tree
- A San Antonio Zoo Family Membership



Meet the Musicians





Santiago Jiménez Jr.

Santiago Jiménez Jr. grew up on Pastores Street in a section of the rock quarry barrio just south of Mulberry and St. Mary's Street. He has been inducted into the Tejano Music Awards Hall of Fame and the Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame, and he has been nominated for three Grammy Awards. In 2016, President Barack Obama awarded Santiago the National Medal of Arts for "expanding the horizon of American music."



Jerrold Feigenbaum

For Jerrold Feigenbaum, music and the trumpet has always been a part of his life, beginning as a youngster in Long Island, NY. He moved to Texas to study at North Texas State University with Don "Jake" Jacob and later played with Dave Tapley and the Calvacade of Stars. He stays busy playing with a San Antonio band, the Blue Cats. His favorite place to practice his trumpet is the Joske Pavilion.

## Meet the Archeologists



Clinton McKenzie



Mikaela Raso



Clinton McKenzie and Mikaela Raso, with the UTSA Center for Archaeological Research, will have an exhibit of artifacts that have been found within Brackenridge Park.

Clint specializes in Spanish Colonial population studies, infrastructure, and agro-pastoralism and is also well versed in historic archeology in Texas. He has extensive prehistoric and historic excavation experience, and he was a member of the team that conducted archeology investigations of the Upper Labor Dam in Brackenridge Park in 2013 and 2014.

Mikaela's interests primarily focus on ancient history, museum studies, tourism anthropology, community engagement, and the relationship between archeology, museums, and the public.

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## Sunken Garden Theater Redevelopment Announced!



*Concept Drawing Courtesy of OTJ Architects*

The Brackenridge Park Conservancy revealed plans at a press conference recently to redevelop the Sunken Garden Theater as a world-class outdoor performing arts venue.

The proposed plans for San Antonio's iconic amphitheater will feature a refreshed look and feel that incorporates a historically sensitive design and first-class amenities for artists and patrons.

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## Starting Your Holiday Shopping?



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## Parktoberfest in the Park

1,000 happy revelers!

Eight breweries participated!

Music by  
Beethoven Maennerchor &  
Dirty River Jazz Band



Culligan of San Antonio Volunteers



The friendly folks at Culligan of San Antonio and Culligan SW were out in the Park, painting picnic tables and cleaning grills.

Thanks, Culligan!  
Congratulations on Your  
85th Anniversary!



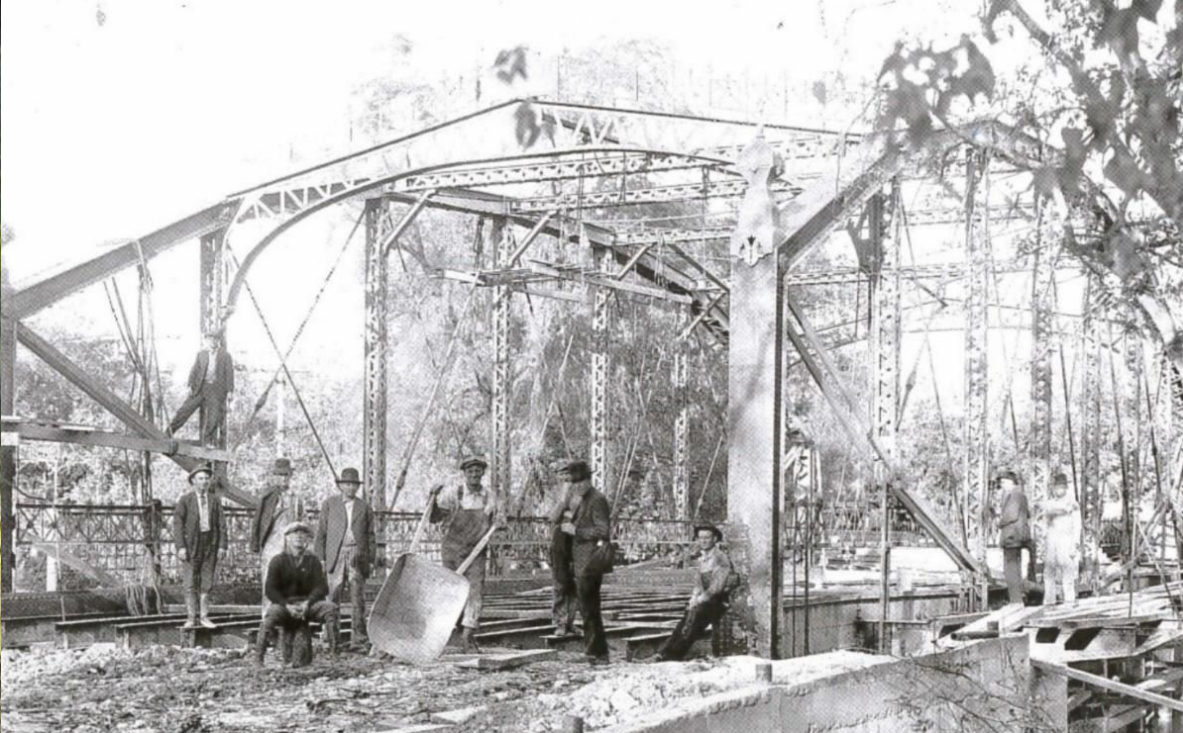
Go for Goats This Spring!



Watch this space for  
details!

Why Things Are





*Workers reassemble the iron bridge over the San Antonio River in Brackenridge Park.*

### IRON TRUSS BRIDGE & PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE BUILT 1890; RELOCATED TO BRACKENRIDGE PARK IN 1925

Two bridges, that were once located downtown, cross the San Antonio River in the northern part of Brackenridge Park.

The iron bridge (above) was manufactured by the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. of East Berlin, Conn., and erected downtown at South St. Mary's St. in 1890. It is a lenticular through-truss bridge, the last one remaining in Texas.

Damaged in the 1921 flood that devastated San Antonio, the bridge was moved to Brackenridge Park in 1925, repaired, and placed back into service. Three of its sister bridges that were also constructed by the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. remain downtown at the Augusta, Crockett, and South Presa street river crossings.

A second truss bridge (above right, pictured today) was also damaged in the 1921 flood and relocated to the Park in 1925:



Bridge Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1880.

That bridge was moved to become the pedestrian bridge across the river, west of the Conservancy office building (which was once a concession stand). This pedestrian bridge is a bowstring pony truss bridge, one of the few remaining in the state.

The Allan King Sloan Family has made a generous gift towards the restoration of this

the Fourth Street/Lexington  
Avenue  
Bridge built by the King Iron

bridge.

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### OUR MISSION

The Brackenridge Park Conservancy is a steward of and an advocate for the park and an instrument for preserving and enhancing the park's natural, historic, educational, and recreational resources for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

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