

Brack Pack

NEWSLETTER

Brackenridge Park Conservancy

September 2022

DONATE

Your gift supports the BPC mission to protect, restore, and preserve Brackenridge Park.

Music Food Fun @ Parktoberfest

Join us along the San Antonio River in Brackenridge Park for an afternoon of beer samples, music, food trucks, and more at Parktoberfest on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Koehler and Cypress Pavilions. Admission is free.



Participating brewers include Alamo Beer, Freetail Brewing, Texas Beer Co., Tuff Dog Brewing, Viva Beer, and Bexar Brewers, who will be offering samples of their tasty brews. Also offering samples will be Southside Soda.



Dirty River Jazz Band



Beethoven
Männerchor



Johnny P. & the
Wiseguys

Perennial favorites Beethoven Männerchor and the Dirty River Jazz Band will be returning. Joining the lineup this year is Johnny P. and the Wiseguys.

Raffle for \$5



A gift basket from Freetail Brewing
valued at \$200.



Original framed art by San Antonio
artist Julene Franki.

There will be plenty of food options, including Schilo's, Teka Molino, Paleteria San Antonio, and Huftgold. SA Swing Society, Trinity Swing Bums, and UTSA Swing Society will be leading the swing dancing. Artists from Hausmann Millworks will be painting in the Park, and Charlie Staats will be displaying his Pearl Brewery memorabilia.



*Thank you, Schilo's,
for being our
presenting sponsor.*

Parktoberfest is a free event open to the public, hosted by the Brackenridge Park Conservancy. For more information, go to our [website](#) or our [Facebook](#) page.

Parktoberfest is co-sponsored by



Big Give Is Go for Goats

Our pilot Go for Goats project this past May was a success, thanks to our 2021 Big Give donors. We couldn't have done it without you!

The goat herd of 160 worked their way

through seven acres of undergrowth along the walking trails in the Wilderness Area in record time.

Because of the popularity of the Goat project, we're dedicating our 2022 Big Give fundraising to bringing back the goats. The fun starts on 6 p.m. on Sept. 22 and runs through 6 p.m. Sept. 23! Early giving has already begun.



Click [here](#) to go to our Big Give fundraising site!

Let's Go for Goats!

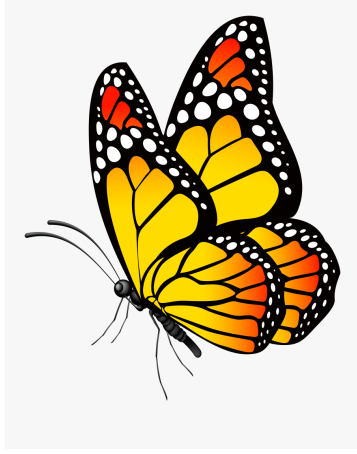


Go For Goats

Brackenridge on KSAT

KSAT will air a segment on Brackenridge Park following the 6:30 p.m. news on Monday, Oct. 3. Be sure to tune in!

Save the Dates



Oct. 8, 2022

Monarch Butterfly & Pollinator Festival in Brackenridge Park

Learn about the monarch butterfly migration, the importance of the wildlife pollinators that make one out of every three bites of our food possible, and our special connections to Canada and Mexico. Free admission.



Oct. 21-22, 2022

Catfish Stock & Fishing Event

In Partnership with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, San Antonio River Authority, Fin Addict Angler Foundation, and San Antonio Parks & Recreation. To be held along the San Antonio River near the Joske Pavilion. Free admission.

Why Things Are

Otto Koehler Park



Not only does the annual Parktoberfest commemorate the German Oktoberfest tradition, it celebrates the Koehler family of Pearl Brewery fame.

Brackenridge Park is comprised

of land donated by George Brackenridge and the Koehler family, land purchased by the City, and land that was held by the City through Spanish colonial land grants.

A prominent San Antonio family, the Koehlers founded Pearl Brewing Co. Their donation of land provided a place in Brackenridge Park where alcohol could be served and added an important component to the Park.



Emma Koehler the day Prohibition ended.

George Brackenridge's prohibition of alcohol consumption on land he donated might have encouraged Otto Koehler to purchase the Madarasz property on the east side of the San Antonio River for his own private park in 1901. It was open to the public for "picnics and jollifications," and park custodian L. Dethleffesen invited visitors to, "Come, bring; your family and friends to spend a pleasant day. Everything in a first-class style. Sandwiches, ice cream, cream cheese, milk of all descriptions and the famous Triple XXX Pearl Beer and soda water and cigars always on hand."

Shortly after the death of her husband, Emma Koehler donated the 11-acre parcel to the City of San Antonio in 1915, and she stipulated that the consumption of alcoholic beverages would be allowed within the boundaries of their donated land.



Constructed shortly after the donation of the land, the Koehler Park entrance columns on N. St. Mary's Street near the traffic circle were constructed to commemorate Otto Koehler's legacy.

The monumental red sandstone columns with decorative iron work flank each side of St. Mary's Street as it enters the Koehler Park section.



Choose Brackenridge Park Conservancy as your charitable organization, and make your Amazon purchases through smile.amazon.com. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the BPC.

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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