

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023

# Birdsong Brackenridge



# 2023 is the Year of Birdsong Brackenridge



This summer, take the time to see Birdsong Brackenridge birdhouses created by ten nationally recognized architects at the McNay Art Museum. Viewing is free and the exhibit can be found at the McNay's main entrance and in the Stieren Center for Exhibitions Sculpture Garden through the end of November. Enjoy the offerings of the McNay while you are there!

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# George in the Park

Earlier this summer, The Brackenridge Park Conservancy hired more than 160 goats from Rent-A-Ruminant Texas to graze their way through 6.7 acres, providing an eco-friendly vegetation solution to dealing with dense undergrowth and hard to reach areas. One goat, George, decided to stay behind to keep an eye on things and to learn a little more about the park. Here he is at the Joske Pavilion.



We will be inviting the goats back next year but in the meantime, we will be keeping George busy with his many stops at the park. Let's see where he ends up next!

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## Brackenridge Park Stakeholder Advisory Committee

City manager, Erik Walsh, has reconstituted the Brackenridge Park Stakeholder Advisory







Committee and made revisions that will broaden community input and streamline accountability in the reconciliation process. The additional members were added to ensure the Committee has representation of park users, advocates and those knowledgeable in the culture and history of the park. Assistant city

manager, Lori Houston, and BPC interim CEO, Terry Brechtel, are co-chairs for the advisory committee. Board chair Nicolas Hollis and City manager Erik Walsh will provide executive oversight. Community stakeholders will participate in the reconciliation of various plans and projects previously identified in the following plans that were developed in partnership with the community (see link below):

- Brackenridge Park Masterplan (2017)
- Brackenridge Park Cultural Landscape Plan (2021)
- Midtown Regional Center Plan (2019)

The City will hire a consultant to reconcile and consolidate the plans with input and feedback from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

The result will be a reconciled project inventory for Brackenridge Park that will consolidate the goals and objectives outlined in the plans above.

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## Share Your Walk

### New Board/Advisory Board Members

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## Board Members



*Claudia Salinas*  
BOARD



*Joe Calvert*  
BOARD



*Charlotte Mitchell*  
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## Advisory Board Members



*C. LeRoy  
Cavazos-Reyna*  
ADVISORY BOARD



*Jordan  
Ghawi*  
ADVISORY BOARD



*Michelle  
Lugalia-Hollon*  
ADVISORY BOARD

Help welcome our new our new board and advisory board members.  
Thank you for supporting the BPC!

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# 2023 Parktoberfest





Sunday, September 24, 2-5 p.m.

Brackenridge Park Koehler  
and Cypress Pavilions  
3700 N. St. Mary's St.  
*(near the Zoo entrance)*

Return to the days of the  
German Biergarten along  
the San Antonio River!

BPC's 12th annual Parktoberfest honors the memory of Emma Koehler of the Pearl Brewing family, who donated 11 acres to San Antonio where alcohol could be served in this part of Brackenridge Park.

We invite you to join us and enjoy live music and free beer tastings at the Koehler Pavilion, Cypress Pavilion, and Pecan Grove.

The event will include German music by Beethoven Männerchor and jazz music from The Dirty River Jazz Band; artists of Hausmann Millworks - A Creative Community displaying their artwork; free craft beer samples from local breweries; food and drinks available for purchase. The event will also feature Charlie Staats with his Pearl Brewing Company Memorabilia.

Admission to the event is free and open to the public, thanks to our sponsors: City of San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department and Trinity University's KRTU Jazz 91.7 FM.

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# 2023 BPC Events

- Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Festival, October 7
- Solar Eclipse Watch on Alpine Drive, October 14
- Family Fishing Day, October 28

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