

NEWSLETTER JULY 2023

Birdsong Brackenridge



2023 is the Year of Birdsong Brackenridge



Birdsong Brackenridge continues its community outreach with a partnership with the McNay Art Museum. Now you can see the birdhouses, created by ten nationally recognized architects and donated to the Brackenridge Park Conservancy, at the McNay. 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. We are grateful to Birdsong Brackenridge Board member and Birdsong Brackenridge Chair Suzanne Mathews for her vision to make connections.

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Goats at the Park

Earlier this month, 160 goats returned to Brackenridge Park thanks to our 2022 Big Give SA donors. The Brackenridge Park Conservancy hired and hosted Rent-A-Ruminant Texas to have their goats graze their way through 6.7 acres, providing an eco-friendly vegetation solution to dealing with dense undergrowth and hard to reach areas.



Thanks to new donors and attendees who visited the goats in action. The heat did not curb their appetite! Click [here](#) if you would like to donate to bring the goats baaack! We hope to see them back again real soon.

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Share Your Walk

Rex Hausmann of Hausmann Millworks

A Creative Community



This month, we are highlighting local artist and park friend, Rex Hausmann of Hausmann Millworks - A Creative Community. Rex is a great supporter of local artists and of the park. His latest piece "Hunting Blinds", was a 9-year project. His Mark Twain "on the open road" process began at Brackenridge Park's "Paint in the Park" event more than seven years ago. It has evolved through painting experiences in his studio at Hausmann Millworks but also at farms and ranches, across the United States and Europe. "Hunting Blinds," in mini form, will be shown in Venice and at The Vatican in Rome this fall. Check out the studio's work at this year's Parktoberfest.

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2023 Parktoberfest

Save the date:

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

Join us for Parktoberfest!
Admission is free and open
to the public.

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

If you would like to volunteer,
click [here](#). Prost!

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BPC Legacy News



*L-R UTSA CAR Archaeologist
Clinton McKenzie, Conservancy
Consultant Joe Turner, author
Lewis F. Fisher and Semmes
Foundation Trustee Tom Semmes*

Lewis Fisher discovered new information about the tannery complex, which served the Confederate Army from 1863-1865, during his research for his book, "Brackenridge: San Antonio's Acclaimed Urban Park."

As a result, the Conservancy is literally digging deeper into the park's history to learn more about the untold stories, hiring a team from UTSA's Center for Archaeological Research. The excavations are being undertaken

to explore the extent of the tannery structures to understand the architectural footprint and how the Confederates modified the 1776 Upper Labor dam and acequia, specifically the headgate area for the tannery. The

investigations will inform the interpretative program. Thank you to the Semmes Foundation for a grant to underwrite this research.

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New Bridge Connection to Brackenridge Park

David Adelman, founder and president of AREA Real Estate, “loves seeing things improve.” He is standing on a new pedestrian river bridge, connecting his mixed-use development “The Creamery” to Brackenridge Park and public walkways leading south to Pearl and west to the former “12th hole” of the Brackenridge Golf Course.

The Creamery building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1932 for Mistletoe Creamery and then sold to Borden Dairy. Partnering with Embrey Partners Ltd., Adelman repurposed the site, restoring the historic structure and creating a mix-used development including restaurants, office space and apartments. Thank you for providing new connections to Brackenridge Park and welcome to the neighborhood!

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*L-R Developer David Adelman
and Conservancy Interim
CEO Terry Brechtel*

Thank you to River Road Volunteers



Thank you to River Road Association volunteers for their recent clean up efforts in Brackenridge Park. Volunteers are always needed to help with ongoing pick up, painting picnic tables and more. If you are interested in volunteering at the park and for special events, please send a message to info@brackenridgepark.org.

For additional Parks and Recreation Department volunteer opportunities, visit the link below.

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Visit our BPC Events page for updates of what is happening: Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Festival, October 7th and Family Fishing Day changed to October 28th.

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