



Mark Twain Neighborhood Association

A blend of commercial and residential living

WINTER 2024 – 2025

President's Message

Barbara Lohbeck, MTNA President

Dear Mark Twain Neighbors: Here's to a happy and productive New Year!

Your Association Board wants you to know that we are continuing to meet in person at the Jerry Cline Tennis Center, thanks to their friendly welcome. Anyone residing in the Mark Twain neighborhood and elsewhere are welcome to attend our meetings, regardless of membership status. Everyone in the Mark Twain neighborhood who has provided written affirmation of membership has the privilege of voting. You may update/affirm your membership via the form in our newsletter; no membership fee is required. *We do encourage donations to make possible so many things: printing our newsletters, maintaining membership in the District 7 Coalition, helping to sponsor social events for Mark Twain neighbors, and more!

Please feel free to join in on Board meetings, held most months, usually the fourth Tuesday, at Barbara Lohbeck's (1402 California). We will resume Board meetings in February. We have been meeting at 4:00 pm but can change the date and time if many cannot attend because of work. Let us know.

We also encourage everyone to sign on to our neighborhood email network for up-to-date information from our Board; any city, county, and state information pertinent to our area; minutes from any meetings in which we are involved; and timely alerts specific to our Mark Twain neighbors. Many of you are signed onto NextDoor, as well, which is a little broader in scope and a bit different from our own network. Of course, all email addresses remain secure.

Contact our network administrator Dottie at dottie.w.hatchell@gmail.com

Important Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Sunday, January 19, 2025
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex
1:30 – 4:00pm**

***Mark your calendars!
All are welcome and encouraged to
attend!**

***A great big thank you to Christy Mae's
Restaurant
for providing delicious treats.***

Agenda:

1:30 – 2:00: Friendly Meet and Greet
2:00 – 2:15: General Introductions;
Items of business
2:15 – 3:00: Jaemes Shanley:
Presentation of neighborhood
concerns for safety and protection
for our neighbors; ideas for how to
move forward
3:00 – 3:15: Follow-up discussion
3:15 – 3:45: Laura Kuehn, Crime
Prevention Specialist, APD SE Area
Command
3:45 – 4:00: Tammy Fiebelkorn,
District 7 Councilor

Our MTNA Board has been busy!

District 7 Coalition of Neighborhood

Associations: Mark Twain maintains membership and attends monthly meetings of the Coalition. We will always send along the minutes from these meetings to our email Network signees.

San Pedro Corridor Revitalization Initiative:

Michele and Barbara continue to support the Initiative by attending meetings and helping to initiate some proactive activities.

Winrock: There is a new arts/produce open air market happening at Winrock Park, beginning in May, likely on Sundays. Stay tuned for more information as the dates near.

Mark Twain Elementary: Kids return to school from Winter Break on January 6, 2025.! Let's make it safe for our children as they begin a new year.

The State Fair: There has been a proposal by the state to move the State Fair from its current location. What would replace it is under review – housing, a park, other. This, of course would affect surrounding neighborhoods!

We hope you will join us at any of the Board meetings and certainly at our January meeting! Let us know if you would like to serve on the Board and/or consider a membership in our Association.

Again, let's look to continuing a good 2025! Be safe, stay healthy, and stay hopeful for better times to continue!

Barbara Lohbeck, MTNA President

Secretary's Message

RSPP Updates

Michele Benton, MTNA Secretary

Who is RSPP? Revitalize San Pedro Partnership is a 501(c)(3) effective January 1, 2024. We are a coalition of four adjoining neighborhoods and business leaders along the San Pedro corridor who have been working together for over a decade. Our focus is to preserve and improve the San Pedro corridor from Central north all the way to I-40. We are an accelerator project of New Mexico Main

Street and are on track for full accreditation from Main Street America.

Recent Accomplishments: We hired our first Executive Director, Adrian N. Carver! We completed an alleyway survey and town hall and held the first Alley Cleanup Day led by volunteers from Rio Grande Credit Union. We refreshed banners along the corridor. With city funding, we completed a plan for streetscape improvements. For more information about this project, see our website: <https://www.sanpedroabq.org/mile-hi-district-streetscape-enhancement>

What is next? We have a streetscape proposal for capital improvements which will be submitted for approval in the next legislative session which begins January 21, 2025! Please look for the bill number and send your support to our state legislators-Christina Parajon in the House, and Natalie Figueroa in the Senate!

Michele Benton, MTNA Secretary

Treasurer's Note

Clancey Tarbox, MTNA Treasurer

The MTNA Board had a good meeting in December with many concerned neighbors regarding the Safety and Security of our neighborhoods. The Board is looking forward to community engagement to address the neighborhood issues especially regarding the unhoused people and ensuing crime in our community. We look forward to working with our neighbors in "Mark Twain Neighborhood North" to see if there is neighborhood wide interest in forming a new neighborhood association or annexing those neighbors into the current MTNA.

Jean Robbins, Carol Hartenberger and Joe Gallegos prepared a flyer to distribute to the neighborhood north of Constitution; and is included with this newsletter.

The ideas presented will be repeated at our January 19th meeting. We hope you can join us. If you would like to work with us on this issue, please let a Board member know. (Contact info in this newsletter).

Clancey Tarbox, MTNA Treasurer

Vice-President's Message Crime Issues

Pat Jackson, MTNA Vice President

The neighborhoods adjacent to Louisiana, Lomas, San Pedro, and I 40 have been severely impacted by addicted homeless vagrant encampments, trespassers, mail theft, drug dealers and some businesses which allow drug dealers to sell Fentanyl with Xylazine and other illegal substances to other dealers and addicts on their property.

The access to free bus transportation for dealers and other criminals to escape, exacerbates the problems along with an insufficient number of police officers to respond to calls rapidly.

Even though response time is inadequate, our residents need to continue calling in illegal activities. We need to call in illegal behavior to APD at 505 242-COPS. Call 911 for trespass. If you have a child with you who sees someone dealing, shooting up, or publicly urinating or defecating, call

911. It is a child abuse situation. You may also call for police to patrol more frequently, by calling the Triangle Substation at 505 256-8363.

Numbers to inform officials about crime in our neighborhoods are:

- Trespass or urgent matters911
- APD505 242-COPS
- Triangle Substation505 256-8363
- Narcotics505 768-4260
- DEA505 452-4500
- Mayor505 768-3000
- Governor505 476-2200
- Child Abuse1 855 333-SAFE

Being observant and working together to inform officials about what we witness is important for our families.

Pat Jackson, MTNA Vice President

BUSINESS NEIGHBORS

We live in a mixed residential/ commercial area and do so for the convenience, robustness, diversity, and verve it offers. We wish to welcome and support our business neighbors by patronizing them and recognizing their contribution.

If you would like to have a small ad in our newsletter, please send your business card or information that you would like to represent your business along with your check for \$15. Your ad will appear in the next edition of this newsletter.

Make check payable to Mark Twain Neighborhood Association (MTNA)

Mail to: Clancey Tarbox, Treasurer 1405 Georgia St NE 87110



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2025 Membership Affirmation Form

Member signature(s) affirms Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Membership for 2025.

Member # 1 Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Member # 1 Signature: _____

Member # 2 Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Member # 2 Signature: _____

Address: _____

Include me on the email list. Email: _____

Voluntary Donation Attached? (not required for membership) Yes No

Treasurer's use: \$ _____ **Cash or Check #** _____

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or donate in person at the upcoming meeting.