



Mark Twain Neighborhood Association

July 2022

A blend of commercial and residential living

President's Message

Barbara Lohbeck, MTNA President

Dear Mark Twain Neighbors: Here's hoping 2022 has been a happy and health year for you and your families.

Your MTNA Board wants you to know that we are returning to an in-person meeting in July. At that meeting we will vote on any business items, including elections of our slate of Officers/Board of Directors.

We welcome new members and encourage membership renewal, as well. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, regardless of membership status. You may update your membership via the form in this newsletter. Membership dues are \$10 per household, \$15 per business, and are important to the continued work of the Association. Dues allow us to print our newsletters, support the Mile Hi Farmer's Market, maintain membership in the District 7 Coalition, help sponsor social events for Mark Twain neighbors, and more.

Our July 2022 meeting is the time for the Election of Officers/Board of Directors. We welcome any nomination now, so that we can have the slate ready in good time. Let us know if you would like to join the Board and serve as one of our officers. Contact Barbara Lohbeck (current President) -505-259-1932 or bardean12@comcast.net.

Officers serve a two year term and can be reelected for another term. The duties of officers shall include but are not limited to the following:

President: General oversight, arrange meetings, form agendas, maintain contact with ONC and other entities, keep up with issues related to our area, including attendance at the District 7 Coalition meetings. All actions shall reflect consultation with the Board and the general membership, as the Bylaws dictate. A President's Letter is included in a newsletter delivered to all neighbors twice a year.

Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Meeting

Sunday July 24, 2022

Jerry Cline Tennis Complex

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Masks encouraged but not required

Agenda:

- 1:30 – 2:00 Social time, sign-in, membership registration and room set up
- 2:00 – 2:15 General Introductions, Election of Officers, and other business
- 2:15 – 2:45 Jose Brionez, Crime Prevention Specialist, APD SE Area Command
- 2:45 – 3:15 Travis Kellerman, Member of the 2022 City Redistricting Committee
- 3:15 – 3:45 Laura W. Rummler, Policy Analyst-District 7, City of Albuquerque City Council
- 3:45 – 4:00 Alexander Pac, Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS). ACS is part of the City's public safety response system. Their team responds to 911 calls for mental health, substance use, and homelessness issues.

Vice-President: General support for Board actions, stand-in for the President (if needed), general awareness of all issues related to the Mark Twain area. Option to contribute an article for the newsletter.

Secretary: Record and distribute minutes for Board and neighborhood meetings, help with any letters and/or notices regarding approved issues to city/county, etc., and general awareness of relevant issues. Option to contribute an article for the newsletter.

Treasurer: Keeper of the books-finance, oversight of Bylaws, memberships, database of members (relayed to our email network where appropriate).

Members-at-Large: Assist other Directors/Officers in pursuing the Association purpose as requested.

We also encourage everyone to sign on to our Association email network for up-to-date information from our Board; 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 which is a little broader in scope and different from our own network. We do not share your email addresses with any other entities. Contact Dottie at dottie.w.hatchell@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

Despite the challenges of this past year's COVID pandemic, our MTNA Board has been busy.

District 7 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations: Mark Twain maintains membership and board members attend meetings of the Coalition, as in past years and recently via Zoom. We will always send along the minutes from these meetings to our email network participants.

Mile Hi Farmers Market: We contribute a stipend to help make this a successful event. It has proven to be a wonderful way to meet with neighbors and enjoy fresh produce, arts and crafts, and delicious snacks. The Market's first day was June 26th despite soggy conditions and continues Sundays through September in Alvarado Park from 10 am until 1 pm.

Mark Twain Elementary School is returning from a year round schedule to a traditional year. The first day will be August 10th. Masks are not required.

Crime Issues: We occasionally hear updates from APD Area commands which we send along to you via our email network. Continue to report any issues to police. It's been a busy time for APD; but they do try to attend to all concerns.

Street Rep: We need a volunteer to be the Dakota Street Rep, responsible for delivering these newsletters twice each year to neighbors living on Dakota Street. Please contact Barbara if you can do this.

We hope you will join us at any of the Board meetings and certainly at our July Annual Meeting. Let us know if you would like to serve on the Board and consider a membership in our Association.

Let's look to a brighter rest of the year! Be safe, stay healthy, and stay hopeful for better times to come.

Barbara Lohbeck 505-259-1932 cell

TIME SENSITIVE INFO REGARDING TREE DAMAGE DURING RECENT STREET RESURFACING

A contractor recently refreshed our roads and the heat caused some distress to our trees and plants. An arborist gave advice to give some extra care to our trees by spraying them with cool water in the morning and give a little extra deep water in the evening during hot dry spells. Wait until next spring to trim branches to see if they are dead or not. Some branches are already putting on new growth! We welcome the extra rain with our monsoons!

One of our neighbors contacted our City Councilor, Tammy Fiebelkorn, and received this response from her representative:

I've been working with the City's DMD and Parks & Rec department, who has a City Forester, to understand this issue. In short, they're aware of it and are actively working with one another to identify any long-term damage.

Here is the email I received from DMD today:

"The process being used is very heat intensive and sometimes the vegetation does get singed. The contractor is instructed to spray vegetation close to the road with water and use shields to deflect the heat. Typically the vegetation is not exposed to the heat long enough to cause any lasting damage. The foliage generally returns the following summer. We plan to ask the City Forester for his opinion on the vegetation that was singed in this neighborhood to see if it is any different than what he has seen in the past. However if a resident feels their vegetation has been damaged we direct them to file a claim with risk who in turn will send it to the contractor for resolution."- Dave Harrison, Street Maintenance

When I hear back from the Forester, I will let you know. Here is where you go to file an online claim to the City through Risk Management:

<https://www.cabq.gov/dfa/risk-management>

Typically you'll need to file the claim within 90 days of the incident. Please share this information with your neighbors, if you can.

If you know of other neighbors who need assistance, I'm happy to help.

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New Developments in and around Mark Twain
Michele Benton, MTNA Secretary

Winrock Mall continues to make noticeable changes. There is a road to drive through near PetSmart and fresh landscaping plants. The pond and park is starting to take shape near the movie theater and Dillard's women's store.

Tom Bolack Trail should be breaking ground on a paved trail from the dog park heading west as early as this summer. The city is working with PNM to get power pole anchors moved at the west end near San Pedro. After that, the final segment can be completed at San Pedro.

Tree NM is providing 100 free trees to residents who want them in our Mark Twain neighborhood! Barbara and Michele are leading the team and need a few more volunteers. The deadline for accepting trees is September 9 with planting day on Saturday September 24. Rebates will be given to anyone who agrees to take a tree or two on their property. Look for more information on postcards arriving soon!

Revitalize San Pedro Partnership is continuing to engage businesses along the San Pedro corridor from I-40 to Central. We are starting a "Place-making" contest soon with entrants from anyone with a connection to activity along San Pedro. Prizes will be awarded for 3 of the best entries, and we will celebrate at the end of the contest later this winter.

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2022 Membership Form

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Include me on the email news mailing list. Email: _____

Suggestions: _____

Payment Attached (Circle) **\$10 Resident** **\$15 Business** **Treasurer's use: Cash or Check #** _____

Business members, 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 both 2022 editions of this newsletter.

Make check payable to Mark Twain Neighborhood Association (MTNA)

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

or in person at the July 24th meeting.

Let's Support These Neighborhood Businesses - They Support Us

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. To do so, we have created a business membership that includes a mention in our newsletter.



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Locker #505 WE'VE MOVED!

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Locker #505 Students Clothing Bank is a local non-profit that clothes students in need from K through 12th grade in Bernalillo County so they can attend school in comfort and with confidence. We accept gently used clothing in sizes 4T to 4X, as well as books, toys, and stuffed animals.



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The company's line of business includes designing, developing, and producing prepackaged computer software.

2nd Annual Mark Twain Block Party

Hakuna Matata

(NO TROUBLE)

Labor Day Weekend Saturday, September 3, 2022 4 pm – 10? 11? Midnight?
On Georgia Street between Constitution and Summer.

**This year's Block Party is co-sponsored by your
MARK TWAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

BYO: chairs, coolers, kids, meerkats
There will be tents, food trucks and a live band.

Donations towards expenses are greatly appreciated
Please contact Dylan at 505-991-0639.

