



Mark Twain Neighborhood Association

A blend of commercial and residential living

SUMMER – 2025

www.marktwainna.org

President's Message

Barbara Lohbeck, MTNA President

Dear Mark Twain Neighbors:

We invite anyone residing in the Mark Twain neighborhood to attend our meeting on July 27, 2025. We have a new location this year: the Uptown Sagebrush Church on Arizona St. NE. Everyone in the Mark Twain neighborhood who has provided written affirmation of membership is particularly urged to attend and vote for the two Board positions (President and Secretary) which will be open to nomination and election. If not yet done this year, you may update/affirm your membership via the form in this newsletter; no membership fee or dues are required. Donations are encouraged and appreciated to make possible many activities, including the new Mark Twain Neighborhood Association website www.marktwainna.org, printing flyers, supporting the District 7 Coalition, helping to sponsor social events for Mark Twain neighbors, and more!

Please feel free to join our Board meetings, held most months on the fourth Tuesday, 4:30 PM, at Barbara Lohbeck's home, 1402 California. We will resume Board meetings in August. Place and time may change with our partial change in officers; you will be advised. Let us know if you would like to serve on the Board; we are taking nominations now for the two vacating board positions!

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 more. We will have an interactive Forum on the website for exclusive use by Mark Twain NA members. Many of you are signed onto NextDoor, as well, which is geographically broader than our neighborhood network. Of course, all email addresses remain secure. To join the email network, contact our network administrator, Dottie Hatchell at:

dottie.w.hatchell@gmail.com

Important

Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Meeting Sunday, July 27, 2025

*******NEW LOCATION *******

Sagebrush Uptown Church

1613 Arizona St. NE

1:30pm – 4:00pm

***Mark your calendars!**

All are welcome to attend!

*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, including nominations and vote
for new Board President and Secretary**

**2:15 – 2:50: Brandi Thompson – founder of
StrongTownsABQ on their vision for ABQ**

**2:50 – 3:00: Adrian Carver, Director – on the
Revitalize San Pedro Partnership status**

**3:00 – 3:10: Elizabeth Reed, "Think Like A Bee"
pollinator preservation program**

**3:15 – 3:45: Josh Richards, APD SE Area
Commander and Laura Kuehn, APD Crime
Prevention Specialist**

**3:45 – 4:00: Tammy Fiebelkorn, District 7 City
Councilor**

Our MTNA Board has been busy!

District 7 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations: Mark Twain NA maintains membership in and attends monthly meetings of the Coalition. We will share the minutes from these meetings via our email network and on the new website.

San Pedro Corridor Revitalization Initiative: Michele and Barbara continue to support this group by attending meetings and helping to initiate some proactive activities, all in hopes to aid our small businesses along the Corridor and to add value to our neighborhoods. See Michele's article in this newsletter for more information.

Mark Twain Elementary School starts in early August. Let's make it safe for our children as the begin a new school year.

Winrock and Uptown: see Darin Sand's update, available on our website.

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

Barbara Lohbeck, MTNA President

Vice-President's Message

Crime Issues

Pat Jackson, MTNA Vice President

The residents of Mark Twain Neighborhood need to be proactive in reporting all illegal behavior witnessed to authorities. Statistics are kept on calls. Have the address where the criminal behavior is occurring, as well as the business name if it is at a local business. You may request a phone call from the responding officer. Also, ask for the case number to be sent to your email. Call both 505-242-COPS and Narcotics for drug dealers and drug usage.

If we work together consistently, our neighborhood's problems have a better chance of being addressed and resolved. If you're having a recurring issue, you may request extra patrols by calling the Southeast Area Substation.

- **Trespass or urgent matters911**
- **Criminal Activity505 242-COPS**
- **SE Area Substation505-256-2050**
- **Narcotics505 768-4260**

Pat Jackson, MTNA Vice President

State Fair District – Redevelopment

A proposal by the state to move the State Fair / Expo NM from its current location is still being discussed. A company from outside NM, Stantec, has been contracted to evaluate and recommend development of the Expo property. This would likely include mixed housing, entertainment venues, and other features. A board has been formed to help direct development options.

The first meeting of the State Fair District Board of Directors, created by state legislative session, was held at the Alice Hoppes African American Pavilion July 3, 2025. The 7-member Board consists of Governor Lujan Grisham, State Senator Stewart, State Rep. Anyanonu, County Commissioner Barboa, ABQ Mayor Keller, District 6 City Councilor Rogers and Governor-appointed "community representative" Dr. Pete Belletto, who is also President of the District 6 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations. Many of the Mark Twain NA Board and many other concerned neighbors attended this meeting.

Presentations were made by advisors on the District's finances, the background and implications of SB481, its revenue sources derived from 75% of all gross receipts and gaming taxes generated within the District, and its bonding capacity which is authorized up to \$500 million.

There was an introductory presentation made by Stantec, the consulting firm which has been awarded (after RFP) an \$844,433 contract to develop the Master Plan for the district. Information about them can be found at:

<https://www.stantec.com/en/services/community-development>. Their work will include outreach to and engagement with the community, especially the adjacent neighborhoods like Mark Twain. The Governor was emphatic about the importance to the project of community input and that there is no commitment to move the Fair at this stage.

The Dept. of Transportation has been tasked with purchase of privately owned land on the NE corner of Central and San Pedro.

State Fair Manager, Dan Mourning, emphasized historical buildings that should be preserved within the Master Plan, including the Indian Arts Pavilion and the horse stables built by the WPA during the 1930's.

An Executive Committee coordinating all aspects of the project process consists of Former ABQ Mayor Martin Chavez, Governor's Chief of

Staff Don Schlegel, and Economic Development Strategist Alex Greenberg.

The Board's meeting schedule will be the first Thursday of every month and the next meeting is scheduled for 10AM on August 7th.

Treasurer's Note

Michele, MTNA Treasurer

Mark Twain NA – Finance Report 6-30-2025

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| Cash on hand | \$2,343.74 |
| Liability-Web site | <u>\$1,400.00</u> |
| Equity | <u>\$ 943.74</u> |
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| Income | \$1,006.99 |
| Expense | <u>\$1,000.82</u> |
| Net Income | <u>\$ 6.17</u> |

Revitalize San Pedro Partnership Updates July 2025 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: A Request from Councilor Fiebelkorn resulted in approved capital funds from the State Legislature of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to acquire rights of way for and to plan, design, construct and equip improvements to San Pedro drive NE between Cagua place NE and Lomas boulevard NE, to including lighting and landscaping for our Revitalize San Pedro Partnership. We greatly appreciate the support of Councilor Fiebelkorn and look forward to seeing proposed designs soon! For more information about this project, see our website: <https://www.sanpedroabq.org/mile-hi-district-streetscape-enhancement>

You can sign up to receive updates on this project. This is the first phase of creating a safer, more accessible, and welcoming environment for all who live, work, and visit the San Pedro MainStreet Corridor.

Michele Benton, MTNA Treasurer

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.

Our new website will include a directory of the businesses in our neighborhood and we will be reaching out to them to create and place listings which will be provided at no charge as a convenient information and contact resource for Mark Twain residents.

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At-Large Street Rep: Phyllis Pryor**2025 Membership Affirmation Form****Member signature(s) affirms Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Membership for 2025.**

Member #1 Name _____ Phone: _____

Member #1 Signature _____

Member #1 Email (optional): _____

Member #2 Name _____ Phone: _____

Member #2 Signature _____

Member #2 Email (optional): _____

Mark Twain Street Address: _____

Voluntary Donation Attached? (not required for membership) Yes No**Treasurer's use: \$ _____ Cash or Check # _____****Make check payable to Mark Twain Neighborhood Association (MTNA)****Mail to: Michele Benton, Treasurer:****1104 Florida St NE, 87110****or donate in person at the upcoming meeting.**

Winrock Town Center – Project Update for the Mark Twain Neighborhood Association

We're pleased to share a brief update on recent progress and upcoming activity at Winrock.

The **Winrock Park** has now been open for one year and continues to serve as a central gathering space for the community. Building on that success, we have programmed **over 70 community events** for the spring and summer seasons. These include:

- A highly successful **Friday Night Concert Series**
- **Wellness Wednesdays** featuring a farmers market, yoga on the lawn, food trucks, and live entertainment
- **Children's programming** on Tuesday mornings and during Saturday markets

The **comedy club** has also gained traction and is consistently drawing strong attendance. We encourage anyone who enjoys live comedy to attend a show.

The **Regal Theater** has completed a full renovation. All auditoriums now feature **reclining seats**, and the theater has introduced the **state's only 4DX experience**, an immersive technology that goes beyond 3D with motion and environmental effects.

A new **bar** located in the building at the center of the park will open soon, adding to the on-site beverage offerings.

On the west side of the property, a new building has been completed and will soon house **Chicken Salad Chick** along with additional tenants.

Construction is underway on our much-anticipated **food hall**, which will be located directly across from the Regal Theater on the ground floor of the **New Mexico Orthopedics** building.

We're also pleased to announce that **Ethan Allen** is joining the project and will be located adjacent to **DSW**.

The new **office building**, located directly across from the stage, has begun occupancy with office tenants.

Additionally, the pond continues to thrive with a healthy ecosystem of fish, turtles, frogs, and ducks — providing both educational and recreational value for visitors.

To maintain and enhance the park's role in the community, we've launched a **Friends of the Park** program. This volunteer initiative provides opportunities to contribute in areas such as landscaping, gardening, pond education, and support for community events.

Anyone interested in participating can contact **Oscar Temores at Goodman Realty at (505) 487-7434**.



WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

A fun, community-first volunteer initiative where neighbors like you help care for the park while enjoying exclusive perks, new friendships, and a real sense of pride. You'll be guided by our staff and surrounded by people who care.

MORE INFORMATION



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*It Takes a Village.
Be Part of Ours.*

At Winrock Park, we believe that meaningful connections occur when people unite with a purpose. Whether you're passionate about nature, helping at events, gardening, or simply want to contribute, you are welcome here.

AREAS YOU CAN HELP

- Landscaping
- Bird Care
- Pond Care
- Special Events
- Education Center

PERKS OF THE FRIENDS

- Exclusive Discounts
- Community Impact
- Legacy Recognition
- Apparel
- More!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED:
BE A FRIEND OF
THE PARK!**





ABOUT US.

Grow Something Meaningful With Us

At Winrock Park, we believe that beautiful spaces are built by connected communities. Friends of the Park is a volunteer program that invites you to share your time and talents—whether you have an hour or a whole season—to help shape a vibrant, welcoming park for everyone. From gardening and event support to welcoming guests and caring for wildlife, there's a role for every neighbor. Come be part of something bigger—where your efforts grow roots and your impact lasts.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Landscaping & Garden Care

Adopt a spot in the park and help it flourish. From planting seasonal flowers to pruning and pulling weeds, your hands-on work will bring beauty to shared spaces. No experience is needed—just a willingness to dig in and grow with us.

- Plant and maintain seasonal flowers
- Prune trees, pull weeds, and beautify garden beds
- Partner with staff on garden upgrades
- No green thumb required—just heart!

Bird & Pond Life Stewardship

Help care for the winged and aquatic residents of Winrock Park. This role includes refilling bird feeders and baths, tending to aquatic plants, feeding turtles, and even guiding model sailboats on the pond. Plus, we now have a new duck family with ducklings—your care will help them feel at home, too.

- Refill feeders and bird baths
- Support aquatic plant health and pond upkeep
- Feed turtles and monitor pond life
- Help care for our new ducklings and their habitat
- Assist with model sailboat activities

Event Experience Team

Be part of the energy that powers our 70+ community events each year. You'll assist with setup, welcome guests, and help keep events running smoothly—from concerts and markets to movie nights and festivals. Your presence makes every moment feel intentional and fun.

- Greet and guide event guests
- Help with setup and breakdown
- Support flow and logistics
- Represent the heart of the park during public events

Park Welcome Ambassador

Offer a warm, friendly face at the Cebrian Goodman Education Center. As a Park Welcome Ambassador, you'll greet visitors, share helpful information, and help guests feel at home while exploring the heart of the park. It's a small role with a big impact on guest experience.

- Welcome guests and answer questions
- Share info about the park and programs
- Help guide visitors through exhibits
- Create a sense of community and connection

