



Mark Twain Neighborhood Association

A blend of commercial and residential living

WINTER 2025 – 2026

<https://marktwainna.org>

President's Message

Jaemes Shanley, MTNA President

Dear Mark Twain Neighbors:

2025 was quite a year and 2026 is promising to be the same. Here's to it being a happy and productive one for all residents of Mark Twain!

We will have our next in-person neighborhood meeting on Sunday Feb 1st 2026, again at the Sagebrush Church who so generously provided facilities last July. There are **BIG THINGS happening in the city right now** that affect our neighborhood and every resident directly and indirectly, so we hope you will join us to both be informed and be heard.

In accordance with city ordinance and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC), it is time again for all of us to formally reaffirm membership in MTNA for 2026. You may update/affirm your membership via the form in this newsletter, and we will provide opportunity for this at the meeting. No membership fee is required but we encourage contributions to support the modest projects and activities of the Association such as website, newsletters, support the D 7 Coalition, sponsor social events for Mark Twain neighbors, and more!

You are invited and welcome to attend Board meetings, held most months at 4:30pm on the fourth Tuesday, kindly hosted (still) at Barbara Lohbeck's (1402 California).

We also encourage everyone to sign on to our neighborhood email network for up-to-date alerts & information from our Board, the city, county, and state. Of course, all email addresses are secure and not shared with any other organizations. A priority goal for 2026 is to also ensure the MTNA website is always up-to-date with relevant news, minutes from Boards meetings and District 7 Coalition meetings.

Important Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Meeting

Sunday, February 1, 2026
Sagebrush Church
1613 Arizona St NE
2:00 – 4:30pm

Mark your calendars!
All are welcome and urged to attend!

***Thank you to Christy Mae's Restaurant
for providing delicious treats.***

Agenda:

- 2:00 – 2:15: Meet & Greet**
- 2:15 – 2:30: General Introductions;**
**Items of business & updates (incl.
State Fairgrounds Project)**
- 2:30 – 3:00 Tammy Fiebelkorn,
District 7 City Councilor**
- 3:00 – 3:25: APD SE Area Deputy
Commander Ashley Stephenson &
Laura Kuehn, Sr. Crime Prevention
Specialist**
- 3:25 – 3:35: Revitalize San Pedro
Partnership update & plans**
- 3:35 – 3:45: Redevelopment of former
Christian School site along San Pedro**
- 3:45 – 4:10: Proposed IDO amendments
and implications for Mark Twain**
- 4:10 – 4:30: Follow-up discussion**

There is a lot happening!

IDO Amendments – and zoning changes: – based on the “housing crisis”, it is proposed to expand permissive use on R-1 zoned property in ABQ to include Townhouses, Duplexes, and Triples. Corner lots on arterials and connectors (ie. Constitution) will be permissive for “Bodega’s and Tiendita’s” (small retail stores up to 3,000 sq. ft). This change will be reviewed by Land Use, Planning, and Zoning committee in January and if passed will be voted on by City Council in February. Details will be presented at the MTNA Feb. 1 meeting.

NM State Fair Grounds redevelopment project: - the State Fair District has authorized bonds to acquire properties at San Pedro and Central and approved further bonds for \$67 million to develop infrastructure for a 10 acre “walkable park” on that SW corner which will be opened up for greater pedestrian and other access from Central and San Pedro. Another community engagement meeting is planned before Master Plan submission end of Feb.

San Pedro Corridor Revitalization Initiative: -

Michele and Barbara have been full participants in the significant developments with this Main Streets USA affiliated organization. See below.

Neighborhood Safety & Security: - thanks to the “activism” of some of our neighbors, there has been progress and improvement in this area, most notably the closure of Barcelona Suites and some “cleaning up” at the Shwan station at Louisiana & Lomas.

MTNA website <https://marktwainna.org> : - the website is up and running but needs more work to optimize it as an up-to-date convenient resource. Please check in on progress over the coming weeks.

Now that we have “re-joined” our neighbors north of Constitution in the original MTNA size, the voice of this Association carries more “weight” in our City. The Association’s #1 responsibility is to hear and convey your voice and opinions to City Administration and Representatives, so please reach out to us with your concerns at any time.

Looking forward to seeing and speaking with you Feb. 1st!

Jaemes Shanley

Vice-President’s Message

Crime Issues

Pat Jackson, MTNA Vice President

For the last three years, I have been working on the problems associated with the unhoused, addicts, drug dealing, and trespass in our neighborhood. The situation seemed exacerbated by the closure of Coronado Park in 2022.

Lomas and Louisiana became a drug hub and drug deliveries were made on a schedule four times a day with crowds of dealers and addicts gathering behind the Shwan Station and Buffett’s. The proximity of six bus stops for free transportation gave drug dealers easy access. The Barcelona Suites nearby was a criminality, drug dealing, and code violation center.

Commander Languit helped us by getting the alley between Louisiana and Kentucky fenced. Drug deliveries were still robust but not on a daily schedule with big crowds.

Every resident of our neighborhood needs to be proactive in notifying officials when crime is witnessed. Working together consistently is so important. APD keeps statistics on calls, and they need to know about problematic areas. Things are better now due to reporting, arrests and convictions.

Help your neighborhood by reporting crime and overdose down and outs to the following agencies.

APD:	(505) 242-COPS, 911
Encampments:	311- day /242-COPS - night
Narcotics	(505) 768-4260
DEA	(505) 452-4500
Mayor Keller.	(505) 768-3000
SE Area Command	(505) 256-2050
Ashley Stevenson for Commander Richards	
Laura Kuehn	(505) 768-2006
Senior Crime Prevention Specialist APD	
Counselor Tammy Fiebelkorn	(505) 768-3189
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Pat Jackson

Treasurer's Report

Michele Benton, MTNA Treasurer

2025 RGCU MTNA

Beginning Balance 12-31-2024 \$2,337.57

Interest Income & Contributions \$1,492.03

Expenses

Newsletters for Jan meeting \$ 152.83

Flyers for Expansion \$ 332.99

D7 membership \$ 15.00

Website creation \$1,250.00

6 mos PO Box \$ 30.00

Total Expenditures \$1,780.82

Ending Balance 12-31-2025 \$2,048.78

Michele Benton

Coalition and City Council meetings. More involvement is needed, from the entire Mark Twain neighborhood. We all know there are many challenging issues facing our wonderful City and neighborhood, so we can't have too many of us engaged and speaking out when needed. A shout out to my neighbors, Susan Lord, Susan Hering and Jean Robbins for stepping up with me as residents of the north side! After all, it's our neighborhood!

Mark Manning

San Pedro Corridor (RSPP) Updates

Revitalize San Pedro Partnership (RSPP) is moving from groundwork to delivery on the San Pedro Drive Main Street corridor. We have secured \$1.1 million in state capital outlay for the Mile Hi Streetscape Enhancement Project and are coordinating closely with the City as design advances toward construction later this quarter. RSPP has expanded direct engagement with business and property owners through meetings and corridor events, while advancing near-term projects such as facade improvements, wayfinding planning, and place-making initiatives. The organization is also playing a convening role around larger public conversations, including the proposed Metropolitan Redevelopment Area and the future of the State Fairgrounds, ensuring corridor voices are informed and represented. Internally, RSPP has strengthened its capacity by formalizing systems and aligning work under clear economic transformation strategies focused on physical improvements, business activation, and placemaking—positioning the corridor for coordinated investment and long-term resilience.

Adrian Carver, Executive Director RSPP

To have news or important announcements distributed to the Mark Twain neighborhood community by email, please contact our network administrator Dottie at:
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2026 Membership Affirmation Form

Member signature(s) affirms Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Membership for 2026.

Member # 1 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Member # 1 Signature: _____

Member # 2 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Member # 2: Signature: _____

Address: _____

Include me on the email list. Email: _____

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

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

Make check payable to Mark Twain Neighborhood Association (MTNA)

Mail to: MTNA Treasurer 1112 San Pedro Dr NE # 283 Albuquerque NM 87110

or donate in person at the upcoming meeting.

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 business will be listed as an affirmed member of MTNA for 2026 and your ad will appear in the next edition of this newsletter....and be placed in the business directory section of the Association website.

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