



# Mark Twain Neighborhood Association

A blend of commercial and residential living

## JULY – 2026

<https://marktwainna.org>

### President's Message

**Jaemes Shanley, MTNA President**

Dear Mark Twain Neighbors:

Those too young to remember watching the '60's TV show *The Long Hot Summer* are not being deprived of experiencing one this year. The temperatures notwithstanding, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our summer in-person neighborhood meeting which will take place Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Sagebrush Church on Arizona St. in the neighborhood.

While this year's heat keeps most of us indoors much of the day, when we venture out we are too easily reminded there are many in our city who don't have that option. Mark Twain bears less impact from the homeless emergency than many other neighborhoods but we are still touched by it and I suspect many of you, like me, feel "taxed" emotionally, psychologically, aesthetically and (as taxpayers) financially by the persistence of the "crisis". What is not visible or well enough known in our community is the work of people who are making a positive impact daily. We are therefore allocating the first hour of our meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> to an overview presentation and panel discussion with three of these "heroes". Jesse Harden is the Pastor of New Creations Church on Zuni, where he and his team established and have operated since 2024 the only sanctioned Safe Outdoor Space in Albuquerque for people formerly living on the street. John Bulten is the founder of East Central Ministries, now renamed StreetVision, and has worked for decades to revitalize and restore the International District as a neighborhood community. In collaboration with State & County government and philanthropic support, StreetVision broke ground earlier this year, at 161 Chama NE, on Albuquerque's most sustainably affordable housing development for families in the bottom quarter of household incomes. Tiffany Leger is a Founder of Albuquerque's Homeless Union and a formerly homeless person. She works tirelessly to build bridges of understanding and trust between agencies and the unhoused population to facilitate connection to services. We hope you will find seeds of hope in the work and opportunities described by these three exceptional people.

### Other things are happening!

Anyone visiting the Tom Bolack Urban Forest and dog park recently will have noticed things happening. After a tour of the area by neighborhood residents, including

### Important Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Sunday, July 26, 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 – 2:10: Meet & Greet**

**2:10 – 3:00: Introductions & Perspectives on  
Homelessness (presentation & panel of too  
little known "heroes" in the practical effort to  
reduce people living on the streets)**

**3:00 – 3:25: Tammy Fiebelkorn,  
District 7 City Councilor**

**3:25 – 4:00 APD SE Area Commander Josh  
Richards & Laura Kuehn, Sr. Crime  
Prevention Specialist**

**4:00 – 4:20 Items of business & updates (incl.  
Officer & Board nominations & election)**

**4:20 – 4:30.....: Follow-up discussion & Close**

Our neighbor & arborist Corva Rose (Tree School), we reached out to Councilor Fiebelkorn who responded promptly with her own visit, accompanied by representatives of Parks and Recreation. They agreed work was needed to remove dead trees, repair some irrigation and resurface the dog park with new bark mulch, all of which has begun. We also expect PNM will restore secure enclosure of its easement at the SE end of Tom Bolack.

### National Night Out – August 4th!

With these improvements expected to be complete by the end of July, we are pleased to announce that Mark Twain Neighborhood Association has registered for the National Night Out to take place in the Tom Bolack Urban Forest Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to

7:30pm. This event, sponsored by APD, will provide an opportunity for the neighborhood to meet with representatives of APD to discuss concerns about crime and public safety and learn more about programs to improve it. More details will be provided at July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

You will find updates below from Revitalize San Pedro and Winrock Town Center.

Finally, the bylaws of the Mark Twain Neighborhood Association call for election of officers for a two year term at the July meeting “every even numbered year”. We conducted an election last year but to maintain alignment with the bylaws we will take nominations and vote again for officers (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer) at our meeting this year. Anyone interested in serving is encouraged to raise their hand for nomination and vote.

We (the MTNA Board) look forward to seeing and speaking with you July 26th!

**Jaemes Shanley**

## **Vice-President’s Message**

### **Crime Issues**

#### **Pat Jackson, MTNA Vice President**

##### **Drug Dealing and Encampments**

I have been working with APD for the last few years on the drug dealing and encampment problems in and near Mark Twain Neighborhood. The problems have improved, but recently I have seen a small resurgence of dealing and drug intoxication near the Schwan Gas Station. If you see drug dealing or usage, call the police immediately. If you see an encampment, call 311. You may also notify Narcotics, the DEA, and the Mayor. Working together, we have improved the situation. But we must be diligent in making reports to help APD keep the illegal drugs and encampments under control. APD keeps call statistics which determines how serious the problem is, and the amount of surveillance our area needs. Thank you for being diligent in reporting illegal activities. Use the following information to direct your calls.

APD: (505) 242-COPS, 911

Encampments: weekdays call 311

                    nights & weekends call (505) 242-COPS

Narcotics (505) 768-4260

DEA (505) 452-4500

Mayor Keller. (505) 768-3000

SE Area Command : (505) 256-2050

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Pat Jackson (505) 410-4405

**Pat Jackson**

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## **Treasurer’s Report**

### **Michele Benton, MTNA Treasurer**

2026 RGCU MTNA

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

Interest Income & Contributions      \$ 791.90

#### **Expenses**

Newsletters for Jan meeting      \$ 0.00

D7 membership      \$ 0.00

Website expenses      \$ 0.00

6 mos. PO Box      \$ 60.00

Total Expenditures      \$ 60.00

Ending Balance 6-30-2026      \$2,780.68

**Michele Benton**

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## **Secretary’s Message**

### **Mark Manning, MTNA Secretary**

If you’re reading this newsletter, you have some interest or at least curiosity about your Neighborhood Association (NA), and you should. You chose to live in this neighborhood by moving here. You may be renting or buying, but the quality of life and the condition of the area you live in must surely matter to you. Those of us on the NA Board and those involved with the NA strive to be good stewards for our neighbors. We not only want to hear from you but also seek your participation. Many people often doubt themselves when considering getting involved with associations or groups, wondering how they may contribute. Different people bring different perspectives, ideas, and skills. When it comes to your neighborhood,

your opinion and voice are certainly needed and desired. We are diligently involved with APD for the health and safety of all. We organize alley clean-up days to keep our neighborhood cleaner and less polluted. We stay aware and involved in the District Coalition as well as other organizations working for the overall betterment of our neighborhood. We maintain a strictly private email list to communicate with willing neighbors who want to be informed and potentially get more engaged in the efforts we are making. Do not be shy. Please join us in striving to make the Mark Twain neighborhood better in every way we can!

**Mark Manning**

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## **San Pedro Corridor (RSPP) Updates**

This summer, Revitalize San Pedro Partnership continues to advance major corridor investments: the Mile Hi Streetscape Project's Phase 1 has \$1.8M secured in state capital outlay with construction targeted for late 2026, while the Near Heights Metropolitan Redevelopment Area expansion (approved by City Council in May) opens new TIF and tax abatement tools for the corridor. The Facade Squad has four properties in active design, and AARP-funded bike parking installations will commence this summer. We hosted the Route 66 Centennial Caravan for a large event at the Cal-Linn Building—the former MITS headquarters and Microsoft's first office—which was approved for the NM State Register of Cultural Properties in June and is now headed to the National Register. We launched a new program where 20 local youth are completing arts & leadership fellowships through the Alleyway Mural Loop Eco-Stewards, with a closing celebration tentatively set for August 16. Meanwhile, the State Fairgrounds redevelopment took a major step forward this legislative session with \$114M in committed Phase 1 funding—including \$5.8M for pedestrian safety improvements at San Pedro and Central—and a Community Benefits Agreement now under

discussion to protect Mark Twain and other adjacent neighborhoods from displacement.

**Adrian Carver, Executive Director RSPP**

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## **Winrock Town Center Updates**

Winrock continues to grow as a vibrant gathering place for the neighborhood, with the park becoming an active hub for families, friends, and visitors. The Friday night concert series has been a wonderful success, bringing the community together for live music, local markets, food, and a relaxed evening atmosphere in the park. The Tuesday and Thursday morning Park Explorers program, offered in partnership with Bosque School, has also been very well received. This program teaches kids about the ecosystem, science, and the flora and fauna around Winrock Pond through fun, hands-on outdoor learning, and it is now attracting about 100 kids each time. Free Yoga in the Park on Wednesdays has been a huge success as well, creating a welcoming opportunity for people of all experience levels to get outside, move, and connect with others. We are also excited to introduce The Campground, Winrock's new Food Truck Park, which will celebrate its grand opening on July 2. The Campground is designed as a casual outdoor place to gather, try different food trucks, grab a bite, and enjoy the park setting. Homebody Matcha Café has quickly become a neighborhood favorite, giving Winrock a true local matcha café where people can meet, relax, work, or hang out just like they would at a favorite coffee shop. We have also opened Winrock Workspaces, a shared private office space for anyone who needs short-term office space in a convenient neighborhood setting. We hope neighbors will come out, explore what is new, and enjoy the unique, welcoming, and one-of-a-kind environment that is taking shape at Winrock.

**Darin Sand, Senior VP Goodman Realty**

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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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**Thank you to all our Street Reps for your hard work.**

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**At-Large Street Rep: Phyllis Pryor**

## **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 have the privilege here in Mark Twain to have among our commercial neighbors four of Albuquerque's leading purveyors of delight to the taste buds.



### Buffett's Candies

7001 Lomas Blvd. NE

505-265-731

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### Christy Mae's Restaurant

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505-255-4740

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### Helen's Bakery

1014 San Pedro Dr NE,

Albuquerque, NM 87110-6722

(505) 266-8287

Try some of their delicious tamales or biscochitos



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