



RIVER ROAD NEWSLETTER

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FUN OCTOBER EVENTS !

October 6, River Road Community Garden for the National Night Out. We look forward to seeing everyone. A special thanks goes out to David and Lea Brogan for making this event possible. As always, bring a dish or beverage to share and catch up with or get to know your neighbors!



October 17, The First Annual River Road Art and Antiques Show at Davis/Allison Park. In conjunction with Charlie Morin's Texas Vintage Paintings we are pleased to start a new art show and festival, be sure to check www.riverroadna.org/news/for more details. We already have several artists and dealers confirmed. If you are a River Road artist or dealer.... check it out!

October 17&18, Annual River Road Porch Sale. That's right, it's that time of year again! We are hoping for the best Porch Sale in years! Please note the new date to coincide with the First Annual River Road Art and Antiques Show. RRNA will not be coordinating the permits, however they are available online at www.sanantonio.gov, and at HEB stores. The Program Committee appreciates the help of our many neighborhood volunteers. If you have any suggestions or would like to lend a hand please feel free to contact Scott Lutz, Program Committee Chair (find RRNA Board contacts at www.riverroadna.org)

Scott Lutz | *Program Committee*

RIVER ROAD NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Yet again we are in a legal situation on 112 Lindell, and now have a mediator hoping to resolve our issue on the case.

We do need your help in getting our continuing efforts paid for. We do have funds in the River Road Historic District account, but welcome any contribution. RRNA is a Texas non-profit corporation and registered with the IRS as an accredited 501(c) (3), so any contribution may be deducted to the extent of the law.



Sally Buchanan | *Membership & Fundraising Committee*

PHASED-IN REFORESTATION & MITIGATION OF INVASIVE SPECIES



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The San Antonio Parks Department and the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) will begin the first phase of a reforestation plan and identify best practices to mitigate current invasive species along a portion of River Road. The Parks & Recreation Department will plant approximately 12 new trees which the City Forester has selected for this site: Pecan, Mexican Sycamore, Cypress, Walnut, and potentially Cedar Elm. SARA will help with addressing invasive species that currently exist in a “buffer zone” from the river bank to the area recommended for new planting which is near the river bank between Magnolia Dr. and E. Magnolia Ave.

The “buffer zone” is the area consisting of approximately 75-100 feet that stretches from the river bank to the open green space along River Road. A significant portion of the buffer zone consists of invasive species.

As this buffer zone also acts as a protective noise barrier from Broadway, the Parks & Recreation Dept. is recommending that only selective removal occur and primarily focus on areas where new trees will be planted (@ a 5-foot radius).

Site work involving clearing of a 5-foot radius around each area to be planted will be completed by the department. Removal of a small diameter of invasive species and/or limbs from adjacent trees may be needed to ensure adequate growing space for the new trees.

The Timeline for this first phase of reforestation will begin shortly, as the RRNA Board endorsed the Phase I plan at their September 8th meeting.

Christiane Esteinou | Parks, River & Arts Committee

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCILMAN: TECH TALK SEPTEMBER 19TH / 10AM-NOON



Coffee with the Councilman is back! After a quick break in August for our Back-to-School Wellnessair and Total Health in Travis Park, we have our upcoming Saturday, September 19th from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at Geekdom Event Center, 131 Soledad St.

Are you interested in all the recent technology developments in San Antonio? From rideshare to Google Fiber, listen to tech professionals in San Antonio talk about all the important changes. Join us for dialogue with District 1 Councilman Roberto C. Treviño and industry experts, enjoy coffee from Revolucion Coffee + Juice, and learn more about what is happening in San Antonio.

This event is free. To register visit: www.eventbrite.com/e/coffee-with-the-councilman-tech-talk-tickets-18402425149

OCTOBER RIVER ROAD MEETING

October 13th / 5:30PM

The genesis of San Antonio is in the River Road Neighborhood! Armour Place is located where there was a crossing at the river leading to a fjord in the river later named “El Paso de Tejas”. That was the location of the first encounter of the Europeans with the Payaya Indian Tribe, the original River Road residents.

Padre Damian Massanet, a Franciscan Priest, was a member of the Domingo Teran de los Rios Expedition who founded

the first mission in Tejas. At that encounter on the banks of the river at Armour Place on June 13, 1691, the day of the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, both the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio River were officially given their names for the first time!

Richard Garay will speak at the October RRNA meeting, bring maps, and provide amazing historical information on that important meeting...and it all happened right here in River Road! Don't forget the date! Lion's Field at the corner of Broadway and E. Mulberry Ave.