



Grand openings unveil new park, improvements at landmarks

A new City park is already a popular location for outdoor enthusiasts, and two historic downtown sites had a major makeover for visitors.

Phil Hardberger Park, formerly known as Voelcker Park, had a grand opening May 15. The 311-acre park at 13203 Blanco Road includes 1.5 miles of trail, parking, dog park, a large playscape, picnic facilities, and an oak savanna restoration pilot project.

The City also celebrated renovations at buildings within La Villita and, a few blocks away, at the Spanish Governor's Palace.

Partners in the Hardberger Park event included the City, Parks and Recreation Department, Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy, H-E-B, VIA Metropolitan Transit, TramCorp, Fulcrum Property Group, North East Independent School District, Guerra DeBerry and Coody, NuStar Energy, and San Antonio Water System.

CIMS Landscape Architect **Pat Schneider** is project manager for the Hardberger Park development.

The park will feature the Salado Creek Outdoor Classroom Pavilion, interpretation and trailhead, Salado



Phil Hardberger Park entrance on Blanco Road

Creek Greenway trail connection, and Salado Creek overlook on the northern tract.

CIMS Senior Architect **Guillermo Moya** is project manager for the La Villita and Spanish Governor's Palace projects.

The last major La Villita restoration was in 1980. The recent work began in November 2009 and continued through April 2010. FisherHeck Architects is design

consultant and MJ Boyle is contractor.

La Villita improvements included roof repairs, roof painting, masonry re-pointing and repairs, exterior plaster on several buildings, structural roof and porch framing, window and door repairs and replacement, exterior painting of structures that received exterior carpentry repairs, and public restroom upgrades in Bolivar Hall and Plaza Nacional.

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From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer



Happy start of summer 2010 CIMS family and friends! We are halfway through this year and past the midpoint of the 2007-2012 Bond Program.

For those of you who are parents, this is the time of year when report cards go home and we see how our children did in school. Did they bring home A's and B's? Did they get over the hump in social studies or algebra? How did they do on final exams? Did they advance to the next grade?

CIMS and our management of the Bond Program is very much like a student. Rather than having a mom or dad scrutinizing our grades, we have City management, City Council, the Citizens Bond Oversight Commission, and the public monitoring our work and checking on the progress of the \$550 million bond program.

Our report card is the Internet-based 2007-2012 Bond Program Status Dashboard, which CIMS created last year to offer project status to the public, and provide staff and consultants detailed project schedules. Whereas parents wait three weeks for progress reports or six weeks for report cards, the Dashboard is always available to check project status.

How are we doing at this point? The latest Dashboard shows that, overall, 91 percent of all 150 Bond projects are on time. This includes 30 projects that are ahead of schedule and 107 that are on time.

There are, of course, areas that need continued attention. We have five projects that are behind schedule for one reason or another.

A couple of these projects are now under construction. Since they are small projects, however, any delay is magnified in the Dashboard gauge.

As temperatures begin to rise in San Antonio, the heat will also intensify to have the Bond Program substantially complete by June 2012. CIMS is committed to finishing the program on time and within budget.

June is graduation month for thousands of students. CIMS, however, will stay in summer school to keep building a great San Antonio.



Village Weavers at La Villita has a new structural roof and porch framing, window and door repairs and replacement, and exterior painting.

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Other work at La Villita included paver and safety issues, electrical repairs, handrails for some areas, and landscaping and site work enhancement.

Overall, improvements were made at eight buildings, two sets of public restrooms, and two plazas in La Villita.

Much of the work at Spanish Governor's Palace, located across from City

Hall, was done below the floor.

Improvements include a new roof system, electrical service including new lighting and outlets in the courtyards, new outlets inside and refurbishing the interior light fixtures, and scraping the walls of three rooms and applying a new lime wash.

All remaining rooms at the Spanish Governor's Palace will be lime-washed.



Spanish Governor's Palace courtyard



District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor (second from right) joins San Antonio Spurs official Leo Gomez, Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, State Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins, and Texas Highway Commissioner Fred Underwood at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Widened Walters Street Bridge opens

District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor was among the local leaders who celebrated a ribbon-cutting for the widened Walters Street Bridge over Interstate 35.

The Texas Department of Transportation was host to the event, which celebrated the \$23 million project to widen the bridge that was built in 1962. The widening of the 64-foot bridge to 101 feet includes turnarounds with pedestrian amenities of 5-foot bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

TxDOT's portion is scheduled for completion this summer.

This work ties in to the CIMS-managed Walters Street (IH-35 North to Fort Sam Main Gate) project. Project Manager **David McBeth's** team is overseeing this phase.

The CIMS-managed phase will reconstruct and widen Walters to a proposed six lanes with sidewalks,



The bridge features replicas of the clock tower in the Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle.

driveway approaches, bike lanes, turn lanes at major intersections, a raised median, and necessary drainage and traffic signal improvements.

CIMS staff

on the go!



Catherine Tkachyk, Senior Management Analyst, visits Lila Cockrell Theater to see renovations under way there.



John Wolters, Assistant Capital Programs Manager for CIMS Horizontal, chats with Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins, Deputy Commanding General at Fort Sam Houston, at the Walters Street Bridge ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Bus stop adds flair to Woodlawn project

The Woodlawn: Bandera to Maiden project brought much-needed improvements to several streets and added an eye-catching bus stop.

The artsy bus stop on Woodlawn Avenue at Camino Santa Maria is actually a sustainable project using metal columns that were part of a demolished Airport parking canopy and also recycled perforated sheeting from another old sculpture project, said **Jimmy LeFlore**, Public Art San Antonio director.

Artist Bill FitzGibbons designed the shade structure. The bus stop was installed after completion of the Woodlawn project, which **David Matney's** Horizontal team managed.

The project reconstructed Woodlawn from 36th Street to Duke and from Maiden to 36th, along with left turn lanes at the 36th and Camino Santa Maria intersections.

Pape-Dawson Engineers was the consultant and Texas Sterling Construction was the contractor.

June birthdays!

CIMS wishes a happy birthday to employees born in June:

Laura Flores, Technical Services (1st); **Mike Frisbie**, Director's Office (1st); **Mick Haase**, Real Estate (4th); **Lupe Bustos**, Fiscal Services (7th); **John Donnelly**, Horizontal (7th); **Cathleen Crabb** (temp), Vertical (8th); **Elda Esquivel**, Horizontal (14th);

Kevin Schmitz, Technical Services (15th); **Ivonne Diaz-Brufau**, Environmental Management (19th); **Robert Diaz**, Technical Services (20th); **Mauro Calvo**, Real Estate (21st); **David McGowen**, Real Estate (22nd); **Brian Orebaugh**, Vertical (24th); **Glen Lee**, Technical Services (25th); **Elisa Garcia**, Web Portal (28th).



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