



CAPital Letter

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Olmos Basin Park unveils upgrades

District 9 City Councilman **Louis Rowe**, CIMS, Parks and Recreation, and community members celebrated improvements at Olmos Basin Park with a ribbon-cutting Sept. 26.

The \$1.2 million project is known as the Olmos Basin Park Rehabilitation and Trail System Development.

Work included a concrete trail loop around the sports fields on Devine Road; trail extension with a pre-fabricated concrete bridge to a new parking lot and renovated restrooms; cement-stabilized base trail loop at Jackson-Keller Road with new parking lot; Americans with



Disabilities Act upgrades to restrooms; landscaping; and park entry signage.

CIMS Landscape Architect **Mark Wittlinger** was the project manager. Ford, Powell & Carson Architects was the prime consultant.

Sub-consultants were CFZ Group (landscape architect); Lundy-Franke & Associates (structural engineer); Fernandez, Frazer, White & Associates (civil engineer); and HMG & Associates (mechanical,

electrical and plumbing engineer). LEH Contractors Inc. was the contractor and Contech CON/SPAN was the bridge manufacturer.

The ceremony was in conjunction with National Public Lands Day on Sept. 27. Volunteers were in the park to identify, GPS (Global Positioning System) locate, and measure trees, and conduct surveys.

The photo shows (left to right) Councilman Rowe; Tony Kaman with Contech; Richard Johnson with LEH Contractors; CIMS Director **Mike Frisbie**; resident Lissa Martinez; and Wittlinger cutting a ribbon on the new pedestrian bridge.

Ruben Guerrero named Capital Programs Manager

Ruben Guerrero, P.E., has been promoted to Capital Programs Manager over all street and drainage projects.

Guerrero, a City employee since 2006, worked for the California Department of Transportation from 1991 to 2004, and with the Texas Department of Transportation from 2004 to 2006. He has a bachelor's in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University.

His California experience included contract planner, traffic engineer, construction management, designer, senior transportation

engineer (supervisor), and senior transportation engineer (branch chief). At TxDOT, the Laredo native was a federal programs engineer.

Guerrero was a Pavement Engineer/Engineer II and a Project Manager/Senior Engineer with the City before assuming his new role, which was vacated when Kent Hickingbottom was promoted to Assistant Director of Public Works.

He and his wife, Eugenia, have two children - Ruben Antonio, 9; and Angelina Trinidad, 5.



We have numerous birthdays in October as the story below highlights. There is another significant birthday this month.

Our department celebrated its first anniversary on October 1.

CIMS was formed from divisions of four departments - Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Solid Waste, and Asset Management. What has CIMS accomplished in the last year?

Early in 2008 City Council approved full appropriation for the Bond Program, and in the spring approved the consultant selection process and contract execution.

CIMS staff worked diligently to complete the Design

From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

Guidance Manual, and to update the City's standard specifications. We also saw new design and construction contracts, creation of an Executive Utility Committee, and a Public Art Master Plan.

Our primary focus is delivery of the 2007-2012 Bond Program on time and on budget. CIMS has implemented processes and standards to ensure all projects are substantially



complete by June 2012.

We are well on our way to fulfilling the 151-project Bond Program commitment.

Currently, we have 6 projects complete; 10 under construction; 14 in design; funding agreements have been approved for 9 projects with 8 pending; and 104 are in various stages with consultant contracts.

More than half of these contracts have been executed with more being

put in place every day.

Projects completed in the last year were the Denman property acquisition, French Creek Park, Japanese Tea Gardens, Oakwell Library, Starcrest, Stone Oak Parkway, and Voelcker Park land acquisition.

Seventeen projects that were in construction last year were completed in 2008. Nine projects in design in 2007 were either completed this year or are in construction.

Henry Ford said, "There is joy in work. There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something."

Be joyful CIMS! We have accomplished quite a bit in our brief history.

Happy birthday in October

CIMS wishes a happy birthday to employees born in October:

John Rivera, Technical Services (1st); **Desiree Haifa** (temp), Contract Services (3rd); **Terri Lee**, Real Estate (4th); **Yolanda Marquart**, Director's Office (4th); **Patrick Schneider**, Project Management-Vertical (14th); **Andrew Slavens**, Project Management-Horizontal (22nd).

Ronald De Leon, Technical Services, (24th); **Rita Warmbier**, Project Management-Vertical (24th); **Lisa Woodard**, Contract Services, (24th); **Noe Del Valle**, Technical Services (28th); **Catherine Tkachyk** (intern), Contract Services (30th); and **Tammy Caverly**, Web Portal (31st).

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CIMS Mission Statement
Together, Dedicated to Our Community ... Building a Great San Antonio

Our Core Values

- Accountability & Integrity
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers
- Valuing our diversity & history
- Forward thinking


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Soil sampler platter



Leticia Arzate (right), P.G., Senior Environmental Project Manager for CIMS, and **Cheri Holbrook Krieg**, P.G., CAPM, Environmental Services Manager for GeoStrata Environmental Consultants Inc., pack soil samples for testing. Arzate and GeoStrata were conducting the tests on Nolan Street near the Alamodome. Starting with the November issue of 'The CAPital Letter,' Arzate will present a series of articles on what the Environmental Management Division does.