



## Welcome to RiverTalk for Summer 2016

RiverTalk offers highlights of recent and upcoming happenings at the San Antonio River Foundation (SARF). You can learn more about the Foundation by following us on [Facebook](#) or visiting [www.sariverfoundation.org](http://www.sariverfoundation.org).



Beautification. Education. Preservation.

## Get Ready... Get Set... Get Registered for River Relay!

[Registration](#) for River Relay 2016 is now open! River Relay is a team or solo event that involves kayaking 4k down the beautiful San Antonio River or running a 5k loop on the Mission Reach Trail to the finish line and [Get Outdoors](#), a family-friendly fair, at Mission County Park. When racers cross the finish line, they will join friends and the community in a celebration with live music by [Two Tons of Steel](#), beer from our generous sponsor [Alamo Beer Company](#), and more, including presentation of medals and cash-value prizes to the top racers in multiple categories. Details and registration is at [www.riverrelay.org](http://www.riverrelay.org).



## Confluence Park Update



Pardon our dust! The ground is cleared and the fence is up around the future site of Confluence Park. There are [alternate trail access points](#) now that the area has been enclosed. Learn more about this world-class environmental education destination where art and science meet opening in the Fall of 2017 by clicking [HERE](#).

## From Our Team



"Nature is a gift that we do not get much in an urban environment anymore. The

## Going BatLoco!

Hundreds of people gathered on the first two Thursdays of August and went Bat Loco! This event celebrates our very own Mexican Free-Tail



bats, a colony of which is under the I-35 bridge on the Museum Reach. The San Antonio River Foundation gave out water bottles to help people beat the heat while they listened to educational talks, joined a bat-themed parade and watched thousands of bats swirl into the evening sky.

San Antonio Riverwalk ties the city more today that it ever has in its history."

- Frates Seeligson,  
Director of Confluence Park

## Get Involved



Our vision is for the San Antonio River to continue to grow and prosper as a vibrant economic, cultural, ecological and recreational corridor that plays an integral role in the lives of citizens across the greater San Antonio area and in the communities through which it runs.

[Donate Today >>](#)

## Tempo, Tap & Apps ended on high note



Thanks to everyone who joined us at the lovely, modern [St. Benedict's Lofts](#) for Tempo, Tap & Apps. The John Fernandez Trio feat. Jackie Sotelo lit up the room with energetic jazz

causing people to get on the dance floor and swing! This event was sponsored by [St. Benedict's Lofts](#) and [Alamo Beer Company](#).

## Your Opinion Counts



We hope all of your time on the Museum and Mission Reaches of the San Antonio River is positive. We welcome all questions, comments and suggestions about how to make your experience even better!

[Take Our Survey >>](#)

## In honor of Sally Buchanan, a founder & friend

On Saturday, July 30th, San Antonio lost a shaper of our city, a patron of the arts, culture, history, environment and a role model in civic-mindedness. Sally Buchanan's legacy within SARF began in 2003 when she co-founded the organization. She remained active on the Board of Directors until her passing. One of her final requests was that those wishing to honor her memory donate to the maintenance fund for Confluence Park, a project she heartily supported and advocated for. If you would like to donate to the Sally Buchanan Confluence Park Maintenance Fund, visit [www.itsmyriver.org](http://www.itsmyriver.org). To learn more about Sally, click [HERE](#).



## Join Our Mailing List



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## Meet the new Board and Staff Members!

The dedicated men and women of the 2016-2017 Board of Directors further our vision for the San Antonio River to grow and prosper as a vibrant economic, cultural, ecological and recreational coordinator. Click [HERE](#) to learn more (including some interesting facts) about the new Board! We would also like

to introduce two new Staff Members: [Frates Seeligson](#), Director of Confluence Park and [Krysteen Villarreal](#), Administrative Assistant.

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### To give and to get

Stores are beginning to stock the shelves with holiday supplies. If you are an early bird and like to start gathering decor and gifts in advance, consider using AmazonSmile. A percentage of every item you buy is donated to the San Antonio River Foundation! Click below or [HERE](#) to begin.



### Submit your Scenes



If you have a selfie or picture taken along the River, we would love to see it and share it! Click [HERE](#) to send your submissions our way. Or tag us on social media!



During construction of the Mission Reach, over 3 million cubic yards of material was removed from the Project site to give the river a more natural appearance and function. Picture 400 square city blocks of material one yard deep... that's a lot!