



**NEW BRAUNFELS
PARKS FOUNDATION**

ANNUAL REPORT | 2019

FRIENDS-

Happy 2020 and welcome to a new decade. Your New Braunfels Parks Foundation remains committed to achieving our mission to promote, protect, and enhance the park system of New Braunfels. We are excited about the new opportunities and partnerships to come.

If you have partnered with us in the past, either through volunteered time or resources - thank you! You represent the best of New Braunfels and are carrying on a long-time tradition of community investment. If you have not had the chance to join with us in years past, we hope that 2020 is the year for us to create that connection.

We have a lot to be thankful for as we watch our great city turn 175 years old this year. Parks have been a part of the fabric of our town from the very beginning and remain that way today. Together we can ensure our city has the opportunities and facilities to play, laugh, and connect.

-Joyce Compton, Chair of New Braunfels Parks Foundation

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Mission

The **New Braunfels Parks Foundation** exists to promote, protect and enhance the parks system of the City of New Braunfels through education, resource development and community partnerships.

Board Members

- Joyce Compton, Chair
- Kolette Palacios, Vice Chair
- Cindy Wissmiller, Secretary
- David Davenport, Treasurer
- Lauren Clawson
- Pat Lackey
- Mike Meyer
- Jim Wissmiller



2019 PROJECTS

WEIN & SAENGERFEST

The 2019 festival was held on Saturday, May 4th. The New Braunfels Parks Foundation operated the wine market and wine tastings as in past years. New for 2019 was a wine bar, offering single, full pour glasses of wine to guests. Thanks to the efforts of our almost 100 volunteers, the Foundation was able to raise just over \$25,000 to be used for improving downtown parks.

The Foundation has operated the wine market portion of the event since 2013. All fund raised from the event are used to improve downtown parks such as Main Plaza, Lindheimer Plaza and Market Plaza.

DOS RIOS 5K RUN

On June 15th over 234 runners took part in the annual Dos Rios Run, a 5K run taking participants from the Guadalupe River to the Comal River and back again. Thrown in the middle of the run is a optional float through the City Tube Chute adding challenge, excitement and a definite cool off period to the race. This run has taken place since 2009. Proceeds benefit the NBPF general fund.

PUPPY PLAYLAND TRAIL FENCING

In November of this year, Puppy Playland had an outer fence installed on the property creating a new off-leash trail area for pups and their owners. Part of the original master plan, the design was finally realized thanks to a grant from HEB in the amount of \$14,000. The remaining funds were provided by the NBPF and Puppy Playland Volunteers.

MARKET PLAZA RENOVATION

Improvements to one of the city's very first parks were made this year thanks to the NBPF and the efforts of all our past volunteers from the Wein & Saengerfest. The proceeds accumulated from festival for the past five years paid for the \$125,000 Phase 1 improvements to the park. New features include picnic tables, pervious walkways, pergolas, sod, trees and ADA access to the water fountain.

FOUNDATION BOARD WORK FOR 2019

The NBPF Board was hard at work over the past year not only organizing events but also insuring the efficient operation of the Foundation. This included updating the website, adoption of a Whistleblower Policy and development of a Financial Controls Policy.

LIVE @ LANDA PARK FOUNDATION NIGHT

The NBPF was the beneficiary of a very lively and patriot night under star during the July 4th concert in the park. Feet were tapping to the rhythms provided by the US Air Force Band of the West in Landa Park. Several food trucks were on sight providing snacks and refreshments for park guests prior to the fireworks show. These food truck donated 10% of their profits from the night to the NBPF, raising just over \$300. Every little bit helps and we are looking forward to doing all again in 2020.

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