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## Party in the Park to celebrate Bexar County's new music venue

Bexar County is having a Party in the Park! Come see the new Pavilions at Mission Park and enjoy live music from local bands, tasty bites from food trucks, free children's activities and more. Party in the Park will go from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 25. Admission is free and the park is located at 123 Padre Drive. Start your Memorial Day weekend right!

"I have fond memories of spending time with my family at Mission County Park while growing up on the South Side, so I'm excited to share the revamped park with the community to create new memories for future generations," Precinct 1 Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez said. "We wanted to create an inviting place for residents to have festivals, concerts or just a good time cooking out with family and friends on the banks of the San Antonio River, and I know we've accomplished that."

Party in the Park caps off a yearlong renovation of Mission County Park to create the county's newest festival and music venue. The party begins with a Native American blessing at 9:30 a.m., the Harlandale Mariachi group at 10 a.m. and an opening ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

Musical entertainment from the Melissa Ludwig Band, Pop Pistol, Mitch Webb & the Swindles, and Jai Roots & the Herb-n-Café will start at 11 a.m. Food vendors include The Lemonade Co., Pacciugo, Spice Sea Gourmet, Mr. Meximum and Institute of Chili. The San Antonio Children's Museum will also provide free children's activities throughout the day; and St. Vincent de Paul will collect nonperishable food donations.

The Mission Reach of the San Antonio River runs alongside the park, so residents are encouraged to hop on a bike or walk along the river to Party in the Park.

The jewel of the Pavilions at Mission Park is a 14,000-square-foot performance pavilion that has a 5,000-square-foot dance floor with space for more than 900 people. The pavilion has a new stage, green room, restrooms and space for a sound system. Other improvements include restored smaller pavilions, new restroom buildings, paved paths connecting adjoining parks and the Mission Reach, as well as an improved barbecue and kitchen pavilion.

So kickoff Memorial Day weekend with Party in the Park! For more information visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/291844680950514/">https://www.facebook.com/events/291844680950514/</a>

