



# RIO BOSQUE NEWS

*A newsletter reporting on events at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park*

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Now, thanks to the support of our partners, achievement of that goal is in sight. On Dec 22, 2009, the El Paso City Council approved the City's 2010 public-art plan. Included is \$200,000 for "improving signage and access at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park." Public art can make a new entrance off Socorro Road truly special. The process to select the artist is now underway.

Rio Bosque, of course, is on the opposite side of the Riverside Canal from Socorro Road. The new entrance makes sense only if there is a way to cross the canal here. Thanks to El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (EP#1), that should soon be possible. Last winter, EP#1 replaced the Partidor Check Structure, located right at the point where a crossing is needed. And the new check structure includes a bridge. With appropriate safety features, visitors will be permitted to use this bridge for pedestrian access to the park.

Thanks to the foresight and generosity of the City's public-arts program and EP#1, the pieces for a new main entrance to Rio Bosque are starting to fall into place! ✂

## BOSQUE BANTER

The cottonwoods aren't the only new plantings at Rio Bosque. On March 24, students from **Chapin High School** planted wolfberry seedlings and sand dropseed grass in several locations amongst the cottonwoods. Thanks, Huskies! ... Wildlife continues to make news: On Jan 21, following their successful nesting last year, **White-tailed Kites** returned, and a pair is again nesting. On Jan 30, we enjoyed our first **bobcat** sighting. And on Apr 10, a

female **Downy Woodpecker** foraging on a cottonwood represented the park's 229th bird species. ✂

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