



MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood
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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature a presentation by VIA Metro Transit regarding the future of transportation in San Antonio. VIA's "Future Reimagined" will include a better bus system, advanced rapid transit, & smart transit.

More info at <https://www.viainfo.net/reimagined/>

Please join us - we look forward to seeing you.

**7 pm, TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020
LAMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
201 PARLAND PLACE**

FREE UDC AMENDMENT CONFERENCE, MARCH 7

The Tier 1 Neighborhood Coalition, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, & Environment Texas are teaming up to present everything you need to know about amending the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). Every five years there is an opportunity to make changes to the UDC - hopefully to make changes that will ensure neighborhoods are more livable and sustainable. All neighbors are welcome.

Where: Baha'I Center, 735 W. Magnolia

When: Saturday, March 7, 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Refreshments will be served.

NEW SCULPTURE INSTALLED IN MAHNCKE PARK

Three new sculptures were installed in Mahncke Park on February 8. Placed under the shade of a large pecan tree across the street from 133 Parland Place, the three sculptures are the work of noted Texas artist Jesús Moroles whose sculptures with polished and natural granite surfaces are found in more than 2,000 public and private collections worldwide. In 2008, Moroles was awarded the National Medal of the Arts by President George W. Bush. Moroles died in an automobile accident in 2015.

No lighting was included as part of the recent installation. Signage for all three sculptures is expected to be added this month.

Placement of the Moroles pieces, the James Surls "White Walking Flower" sculpture, and the four sculptures by artist Catherine Lee in the east end of Mahncke Park near N. New Braunfels Avenue was authorized via an agreement between the Tres Centurias Foundation and the SA Parks Dept. The agreement allows the sculptures to remain in the park until December 31, 2021.

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Celebrate Spring at the Community Garden!

The Mahncke Park Community Garden will host its annual Garden Party on Saturday, April 4 from 10:30am – 1:30pm. Expect plants for sale, silent auction items, delicious food, and MPCG Fiesta medals. Come enjoy our beautiful community garden on Funston Place and say hello!

Garden Party
Saturday, April 4
10:30am – 1:30pm

POST OFFICE TO MOVE FROM 4801 BROADWAY

Per Ms. Mary Isabel Falcon, Customer Relations Coordinator for the San Antonio Postmaster, the Post Office at 4801 Broadway will relocate to the NE corner of Austin Highway and East Meadow Lane. Tentative date to close the present Post Office is October 2020.

Unlike the current location, the new location will be on property owned by the US Postal Service. A change in staffing is not anticipated as a result of the relocation. Also, the PO boxes will relocate to the new location and there will be no address change for PO box customers.

PARK COMMITTEE, IT COMMITTEE, FUNDRAISING

The MPNA's Parks Committee and newly formed IT Committee met in February. Both the Parks Committee and the new Fundraising Committee will meet this month. Please email MPNA Board if you wish to attend committee meetings and become involved.

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NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY: LUDWIG MAHNCKE

Ludwig Mahncke was born in Mecklenburg-Strelitz (now Germany) on April 20, 1846. He married Katarina (Kemp) in 1871 and the couple had two daughters. The family left Germany and arrived in the U.S.A. in 1882, settling in San Antonio shortly after. Mahncke became a well-known hotelier and restaurateur – he operated the Mahncke Hotel at the NE corner of Houston and St. Mary’s Street. He was a popular figure in San Antonio business and social circles.

Mahncke served two terms as a member of the City Council and chaired the city’s parks committee. He was first appointed to the position of parks commissioner in 1901. Ludwig Mahncke was close friends with businessman and philanthropist George W. Brackenridge, and in 1899 he encouraged Brackenridge to donate to the city a tract of 199 acres along the SA River to be used as a park. As parks commissioner, the development of the site, later known as Brackenridge Park, fell to Mahncke, and he was directed to open the park immediately. Though he was first given a budget of only \$2,500, he quickly developed a plan to create a “driving park,” and seven miles of roads were designed and constructed. A fenced deer preserve was built in 1902, and by 1906 enclosures were in place with bison, elk, goats, sheep, and fowl. While Brackenridge Park was Mahncke’s most well-known accomplishment, he was responsible for landscaping many public areas throughout San Antonio. Cypress trees transplanted from the Guadalupe River under his direction can still be seen today along the SA River.

Ludwig Mahncke succumbed to pneumonia on March 27, 1906. His funeral was described as one of the largest ever seen in San Antonio – hundreds attended and two wagons were required to convey all the floral tributes to the burial site. The newspaper reported that despite a heavy rain, a large funeral procession of police and fire department members, city and county authorities, honorary and active pallbearers, members of the societies to which he belonged, and many friends, followed the hearse down Avenue C (Broadway), Houston St., Alamo Plaza, and Commerce St. to City Cemetery 1 on the Eastside.

As a tribute to his friend, George Brackenridge donated to the city the land which connected Brackenridge Park to the former waterworks and its reservoir (present day Botanical Garden), asking that this parcel be named to honor his friend, Ludwig Mahncke. In memory of Mahncke’s public service, the Mahncke Monument Association raised funds and erected a memorial monument on January 17, 1909 with a bronze bust created by sculptor Pompeo Coppini, cast in Italy, and placed atop a large, pink Texas granite base. In 1964, Mahncke’s daughter, Mrs. Joseph Deutz, donated the park’s fountain to honor her father. In 2000, a Texas Historical Marker regarding Mr. Mahncke was placed in Mahncke Park, near Broadway & Parland Place.

MAHNCKE DAY CELEBRATION PLANNED, APRIL 18
Allensworth St. residents are planning a Mahncke Day celebration, April 18 at 5pm. If interested in sponsoring event, donating time, or in-kind or financial assistance, please contact info@mahncke.org

LION’S FIELD ADULT CENTER 210-207-5380

March is Contemporary Art Month at Lions Field! Come see the creative side on display. All month the 12x12 Artistic Endeavor works will be on display, with a closing reception on Wed., Mar. 25 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 10, 5 p.m. TRINITY ART LEAGUE. See a demo from Mary Campos Lopez, a founding member of the Texas Pastel Society.

Thurs., Mar. 26, 6:30 p.m. ARTIST TALK: CINDY MORAWSKI. Meet pastel artist Cindy Morawski, one of the Art on Broadway artists, as she discusses her work and inspirations. She will have new work on display leading up to the talk. Refreshments served and the adult public invited. See more of her work at www.cindymorawski.com.

Sat., Apr. 4, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. BARGAINS ON BROADWAY. Shop for incredible and inexpensive finds at our rummage sale! Spaces available for only \$20 for those wanting to declutter.

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This month’s newsletter is sponsored by:

We welcome everyone with open hearts and arms. Mass is Sunday morning at 8:00 and Sunday morning at 10:30 with choir and incense. March 22 is Evensong at 5:00pm our Choir will perform classical sacred music by Mendelssohn.

We appreciate St. Paul’s Episcopal Church’s sponsorship of the MPNA newsletter, and we encourage neighbors to support our sponsors and area businesses.

2020 MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION	
Membership is open to homeowners, renters, property owners, businesses or anyone having an interest in our area. Dues are \$10 per household & \$5 for retired neighbors per year. Non-resident dues are \$20 to help cover postage costs.	
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