



MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood
Association
Established 1979

P.O. BOX 6544

MAY 2021

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's MPNA general membership meeting will be held May 18 at 7 pm. We will gather in Mahncke Park directly across from Lamar Elementary School.

Masks and social distancing required. Please bring your own chair, if desired.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 7pm, IN MAHNCKE PARK

MAHNCKE PARK N'HOOD ASSOC. BOARD REPORT

We are actively seeking individuals interested in joining the MPNA Board to fill several slots that have opened. You must be an active member of the organization in good standing, and must be able to commit to our general meetings on the third Tuesday of each month and board meetings on the fourth Monday of each month. You can reasonably expect to donate some additional time and resources to help plan events, serve on a committee, and participate and advance community activities.

Thank you to all neighbors who have stepped up to reaffirm their membership in the MPNA and especially those of you who have made substantial donations to our organization. With your assistance, we've been able to meet all of our pending financial commitments. The use of digital tools, particularly PayPal has also increased our membership 25% over previous levels. We appreciate all of you!

Reminder: Property tax protests are due May 15. Protest forms can be found on the Bexar County Appraisal District website bcad.org

NEW BLOCK CAPTAINS WELCOMED & RECOGNIZED

Enzo Garza is the new Block Captain for Carnahan Avenue. He has lived in Mahncke Park all his life. He is 12. In addition to delivering the MPNA newsletter to his neighbors, Enzo loves riding his bike (especially downhill on Parland Place), naming neighborhood cats, and watching for wandering turtles. Enzo is an excellent artist and is Brown Belt Taekwondo. Patty & Marcus Garza are proud their son is dedicated to community service. So are we!

Naz Caporale is the new Block Captain for Claremont Ave. She & her young family relocated two months ago to San Antonio from Oklahoma City. Her favorite aspects of Mahncke Park are friendly neighbors who stop to chat & our abundant green space. She looks forward to the day when every house in Mahncke Park has a string of lights on its front porch and that feature becomes one of our area's signature looks!

Thanks to Enzo & Naz for serving as Block Captains.

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY

Thanks to support from our neighbors, the Mahncke Park Community Garden (MPCG) had another successful Garden Party on April 10. Money was raised for the garden fund and everyone enjoyed safely socializing in an outdoor setting. It takes a lot of people to put on a successful garden party. Heather Smith/Parland Place and Jim Noel/Queen Anne Ct. provided our administrative support. Bruce Martin/Pershing Ave., Paul Giolma/Funston Place, Ric Minks/Parland Place, Jess Mayes, Joyce Felter/Parland Place and Francille Radmann/Elmhurst Ave. all donated plants for sale. Lana Sue Mayes/Parland Place, Gracie DeLeon/Burleson St. and Polly Noel/Queen Anne Ct. organized sales of non-plant items. The dedicated crew setting up, running, and taking down the plant sale included Anna Nau/Claremont Ave., Che Salone, Susan Geery/Natalen Ave., Judy Yeager, Makiko Shimono/Lucas St., Leslie Bauer/Funston Place, & Todd Morgan/Thorman Place. Fred San Miguel/N. St. Mary's St. donated microgreens for the plant sale and was swarmed by so many curious customers that we hope to have him present sprouting demonstrations at future garden events. We all enjoyed having Carlynn Ricks/Pershing Ave. on hand for an MPNA membership drive. The MPCG bees came out of their hive for flying demonstrations. The beekeeper has commented that they are exceptionally friendly bees. Watch for honey to be sold this year.

NOTE: The garden has always appreciated the wonderful support of neighbors, but please do not make unsolicited donations without checking with us first. In particular, please do not put large amounts of organic material into our compost piles – the garden itself generates all we need. If you do have something you think would benefit the garden, please contact us via Facebook or mpcgarden78209@gmail.com. Thank you very much for understanding.

MPNA APPLICATION SEEKS NON-PROFIT STATUS

The MPNA has completed its application seeking designation as a 501.c.3, not-for-profit, tax exempt, charitable organization. The application will be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service this month and it is hoped approval will be received this summer. Multiple donations to the MPNA over the last two months were vital in covering the application fee. Thank you to each person who contributed in support of this effort. If approved, the new status will allow access to multiple resources beneficial to our neighborhood and allow donations to the MPNA to be tax-deductible.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,106,874,894A

The City of San Antonio's Parks Dept. delivered and spread crushed granite on the Mahncke Park walking trail in April. The enhancement helped fill low spots in the popular trail, which was built in 2003 as part of \$176,000 in park improvements.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,106,874,894B

Observant neighbors noticed the removal of the three, blue, US Postal Service drop boxes from the HEB Central Market parking lot last month. Persons seeking to avoid driving to the new Post Office on Austin Highway may wish to drop mail in the USPS' blue drop box located near the entrance of the Brackenridge Plaza Building, 3308 Broadway.

BRACKENRIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Brackenridge Conservancy recently reported work is underway on the walkway connecting Brackenridge Park to Miraflores (site of multiple sculptures easily visible from Hildebrand). Additional improvements will include landscaping and irrigation. The Brackenridge Park Conservancy will begin offering guided tours when construction is complete.

Miraflores was the private garden of the late Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, a noted physician who emigrated from Mexico in 1914. A new book by Anne Elise Urrutia is planned for release this year; its title is Miraflores: San Antonio's Mexican Garden of Memory.

SEE MAHNCKE PARK FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Been cooped up for too long? Looking for a way to get out safely? View Mahncke Park in an entirely new way by getting off the trails and following some simple navigational clues to find hidden prizes! That is one of the best parts of GeoCaching and Treasure Hunting, plus no particular skills or experience are necessary.

This is how it works. Anytime on May 15, starting at the flagpole at the top of the park, there will be little prize boxes placed throughout the park. Each box has directions leading you to the next box. This all works and can go on as long as people take and leave prizes in the boxes.

Our thanks to Cora Evelyn Prude of Elmhurst Ave. for creating this fun, entertaining activity.

HOUSE DEMOLISHED AT 406 PERSHING AVENUE

The single family, one story home at 406 Pershing Avenue was demolished in April. The home was approximately 2,000 sf and was built in 1935.

A search of the City of San Antonio Development Services Dept.'s website showed no demolition permit was pulled as required. In addition, the MPNA was not given prior notice as required. A call to our neighborhood's Code Compliance Officer Anna Rodriguez revealed a permit had been pulled, but no method to view the permit online was provided. San Antonio Code Compliance Strike Team Building Chief Joe Bernal reported the City has switched to a new system called Accela and to find permit information it is necessary to enter the system name in Google - *san antonio Accela permit search.* Mr. Joe Bernal was very helpful and responsive. He can be reached at Joseph.bernal@sanantonio.gov

NEWS FROM LION'S FIELD - 210-207-5380

Lion's Field Center is slowly opening up with a few in-person activities outside and still lots of online activities. They recently had an indoor movie, and regularly have outdoor bingo. For more activities, and there are lots of them, go to <https://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec>, look for Lion's Field, and you'll find all kinds of activities.

S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Joel Zulaica is our neighborhood's patrol officer. Contact him re: concerns of illegal activity. joel.zulaica@sanantonio.gov 210-275-2281

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Anna M. Rodriguez is the Code Compliance Officer assigned to our part of town. If you have concerns to discuss with Ms. Rodriguez, you may call her mobile phone at 210-416-5891. Or you may email her at anna.rodriguez@sanantonio.gov

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