



MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood
Association

Established 1979

P.O. BOX 6544

AUGUST 2021

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Visit mahnckepark.org to confirm meeting location.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 7 PM

CIRCLE SCHOOL, DAY OF SERVICE, AUGUST 14

Last November the Circle School at 217 Pershing celebrated 55 years of operation - and they are preparing for another great year.

The Circle School is welcoming Mahncke Park residents to participate in a day of service - working on the grounds and helping to make classrooms ready. Please RSVP so the staff can adequately plan projects, simply email workday@thecircleschool.org to join on Saturday, August 14, from 8:30am - 1:00pm. Masking required for all indoor projects.

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Jalen McKee-Rodriguez was elected in June to serve as the new City Council representative for District 2, which includes the Mahncke Park Neighborhood. His Chief of Constituent Service is Ms. Denise Hernandez, who attended last month's Mahncke Park Neighborhood Assoc. (MPNA) meeting. Ms. Hernandez reported Councilman McKee-Rodriguez identified priorities for consideration in the City budget for FY2022, which begins October 1. The Councilman's priorities included:

1. Complete street lighting study.
2. Create City Office of Civil Rights.
3. Create 2 case manager positions in Animal Care Services Dept.
4. Enhance street & drainage infrastructure.

Also, Ms. Hernandez encouraged neighbors that submit concerns to 311 Customer Service to obtain the tracking number assigned to their concern, then contact her with the tracking number so the City Councilman's staff can follow-up with the responsible City department. Ms. Hernandez can be contacted at 210-207-0950 or denise.hernandez@sanantonio.gov

District 2 City Council contact info:

Downtown Office, 210-207-7278

Claude Black Community Center Office, 210-207-0950

Rittiman Road Office, 210-207-0970

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,171,191.A

Clark Construction replaced asphalt on Parland Place from Broadway to Millie Street last month as part of the City's Street Maintenance Program. Also, "spot replacement" of concrete curbs and adjustment to uneven driveway approaches where necessary by Clark Construction's subcontractor was beginning as of the last week in July. The contract value of the entire project is approximately \$490,000.

MAHNCKE PARK FOUNTAIN FIXED

With its freshly restored concrete surface and new copper tubing, the Mahncke Park fountain is again operating. The fountain offers a welcome view of splashing water during these summer days. Our thanks go to the Parks Dept. staff responsible for restarting this neighborhood resource.

The fountain was a gift donated to the City in 1964 by Mrs. Joseph Mahncke Deutz, daughter of Ludwig Mahncke for whom the park was named.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,171,191.B1

The City's Public Works Dept. completed installation of a new concrete curb and asphaltting a 30x17 portion of Milton Street between Funston Place and Parland Place last month. The work was in response to collapse of the drainage conduit underneath the street in June, which necessitated closing of the one block section of Milton Street that bisects Mahncke Park. The City's Storm Water Division completed repairs to drainage infrastructure in late June; however, the street remained closed to traffic through mid-July until the concrete and asphalt work was finished.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,171,191.B2

The City's Graffiti Abatement Unit quickly responded when notified last month of graffiti on commercial properties at 571 Eleanor Ave. and 3304 Broadway. City crews abated graffiti at both locations within three calendar days of notification. Concerns regarding graffiti may be reported to 311.

S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Asst. Chief Reyes and Officer Hernandez attended last month's Mahncke Park Neighborhood Assoc. meeting. Reyes reported Police Chief McManus has encouraged his assistant chiefs to increase their community outreach. Reyes also reported this year's National Night Out Against Crime is planned for October 5.

Officer Juan Hernandez is our neighborhood's patrol officer. His duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm. Contact him regarding concerns of illegal activity or to request a "patrol by" of your property when you are out of town.

Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov

210-218-6939, cell

210-207-7413, Central Substation, SAFFE Office

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Anna M. Rodriguez is the Code Compliance Officer assigned to our area of town. If you have concerns to discuss with Ms. Rodriguez, you may contact her at 210-416-5891 or anna.rodriquez@sanantonio.gov

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ENJOY YOUR WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD

As you walk or bike or drive around Mahncke Park, you may have noticed some beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees. We thought we would highlight a few, but you will find many more if you look closely.

The flowering shrub known as the Pride of Barbados is particularly noticeable this year with its yellow/orange/red flower clusters. Good examples can be seen at 210 Claremont, 451 Eleanor, 345 Elmhurst, and 428 Queen Anne. Another spectacular blooming plant now is crepe myrtle, particularly the hot pink and watermelon shades. The 300 block of Elmhurst is putting on a great show; other noteworthy examples can be found at 341 Eleanor and 271 Natalen. Lower to the ground, colorful displays can be found at 306 Carnahan where the yellow lantanas on the curb are striking, 334 Thorman where the big rose bushes along the street are beautiful, 347 Victor where the combination of blackfoot daisies and the purple ground cover that used to be known as Wandering Hebrew cascade over the wall, 271 Natalen where the yellow sunflowers set off the home nicely, and further down the street at 335 Natalen where two vitex add much energy to the front yard, and 326 Pershing where the zinnias along the curb combine with tall, orange cosmos flowers for an eye-catching effect. Not quite so flashy, but a treat for the eye are the chartreuse-colored, sweet potato vines seen around the neighborhood, particularly in three plantings at the entrance to the apartment complex on the southside of Mulberry, east of Broadway.

In contrast to all this bright color, there is a lovely shade garden at 134 Davis Court, where the huge elephant ears catch your eye. Also, the landscape at 226 Allensworth is an excellent xeriscape example. And the townhomes at 340-346 Claremont have made the most of small spaces with varieties of bushes and shades of green. Of course, the Community Garden on Funston Place is lovely, with blooming marigolds and zinnias in many of the vegetable beds and in large masses at the western end of the garden.

As we head into the dog days of summer, we hope you will get outside and enjoy the beauty that is to be seen all over our neighborhood. Watch for the butterflies – they are enjoying the flowers, too!

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

Lions Field Center is currently open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday -Friday. They are offering a variety of activities - crafts, jewelry, painting, music classes, 42 dominoes, bridge and more.

Virtual Classes still available:

Monday at 2pm Virtual Jewelry; Wednesday at 3pm Virtual Paper Crafts. For supply list email Jacqueline.odom@sanantonio.gov.

Fitness Room open to work out on your own!

For more activities, go to

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec>

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THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

Commonwealth Coffeehouse at 118 Davis Court is this month's sponsor of the MPNA newsletter. We appreciate their sponsorship.

As always, we encourage area residents to support neighborhood businesses.



Come visit us at
Commonwealth Coffeehouse
 118 Davis Ct.
 Community Coffeehouse Est. 2015



Currently seeking local neighborhood artisans and vendors for our Saturday Markets.
 Contact jenna@commonwealthcoffeehouse.com if you are interested.

Neighbors, mention this ad and receive 10% off

2021 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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