



# MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood  
Association

Established 1979

P.O. BOX 6544

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Tentative return to Lion's Field Adult Center. The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) has requested approval from the SA Parks Dept. to restart monthly meetings at Lion's Field Adult Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 pm, beginning September 27 at 7 pm.

Visit [mahnckepark.org](http://mahnckepark.org) to confirm September meeting details.

## CIRCLE SCHOOL'S DAY OF SERVICE A SUCCESS

MPNA volunteers participated in last month's effort at the Circle School to prepare for the new school year. Work was completed both outside and indoors and included relocating books and furniture, removing weeds from raised planting beds, and applying protective finish to new picnic tables and desks. Volunteers included residents from Pershing Avenue and Thorman Place: Linni & Chris Aufdenberg, Colleen Ferruzzi, & Bruce Martin.

The Circle School at 217 Pershing began their 56th year of educating San Antonio youths last month. We congratulate the Circle School on their impressive success and thank them for being such a welcome and considerate neighbor. We also thank the Circle School for their generous support of printing the MPNA's monthly newsletter through the end of 2021.

## ANOTHER SUCCESS: MPNA ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Despite ominous storm clouds, about 40 neighbors came together in Mahncke Park on August 28 to bid summer farewell while enjoying sweet, cool treats. Delicious paletas/popsicles served via a pushcart made for a "puro San Antonio" get-together on a surprisingly mild, late August afternoon. Wonderfully organized by Naz & Nick Caporale, the garden party included donations of banana bread from McKenna Odom and cookies & water from Taylor Watson.

## YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,109,989,898.A

The following neighborhood streets are scheduled for fog seal treatment this month by the SA Public Works Dept. or their contractor. Fog seal is an application of asphalt emulsion on an asphalt street to extend pavement life by sealing cracks.

Old Austin Rd. from Pinckney to Funston Place  
Weather permitting project to begin 08/30/2021  
Estimated project completion 09/08/2021

Elmhurst from Broadway to N. New Braunfels Ave.  
Weather permitting project to begin 08/30/2021  
Estimated project completion 09/08/2021

Claremont from Margaret to N. New Braunfels Ave.  
Weather permitting project to begin 08/30/2021  
Estimated project completion 09/08/2021

## NEW BLOCK CAPTAIN & NEW BOARD MEMBER

Jessie Cox is Funston Place's new Block Captain. She began delivering newsletters in August and is responsible for one of the largest deliveries of the MPNA's monthly newsletter. We are delighted to welcome Jessie and her family back to the neighborhood and thank her for stepping up to take over for Heather Smith, who served for several years delivering newsletters on Funston Place. Thank you very much, Heather!

Valerie Jeannin of Eleanor Ave. is the newest member of the MPNA Board of Directors. We are very pleased Valerie has joined the Board and appreciate her continuing contributions to our wonderful neighborhood.

## MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES

The MPNA Board of Directors has established the following committees: Finance, Community Outreach, Business Outreach, Parks, Communications, Information Technology, Welcoming, Events, Fundraising/Merchandise. Neighbors interested in volunteering to support the MPNA via serving on a committee are invited to email [info@mahnckepark.org](mailto:info@mahnckepark.org)

## MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Mahncke Park Community Garden on Funston Place was recently nominated for two awards: Community Garden of the Year and Pollinator Garden of the Year. The SA Garden Awards were presented by Gardopia Gardens, a local, non-profit entity supporting community gardening. Although the MPCG did not win, the recognition was rewarding.

Sweeter news is that 1.5 gallons of honey from the MPCG bee hive produced enough revenue to buy a new roof & base for the hive, as well as a winter bee feeder. When offered for sale to MPCG members and volunteers, the honey sold out quickly.

## BOTANICAL GARDEN PLANT SALE

Discover over 250 varieties of native plants, succulents, grasses and pollinator-friendly plants at the SA Botanical Garden's Fall Plant Sale, September 11 - 12. Ticket reservations for 30 minute time slots will be required to shop. The sale will be located in the Greenhouse Yard, located at 555 Queen Anne Court. \$10 entrance fee (\$9 for SABG members) includes your choice of plants in 1 gallon containers. Plants in 4" containers \$5; plants in 1 gallon containers \$10. Visit [www.sabot.org](http://www.sabot.org)

## PUBLICATION NOTE

The printing of this newsletter is supported by the Circle School, 217 Pershing Ave. [thecircleschool.org](http://thecircleschool.org)

**BLACK AND WHITE IN BRACKENRIDGE PARK**

Just when it seemed the Black Vultures had left Brackenridge Park, they have returned. Although fewer in number from two years ago, most of these large scavengers appear to be roosting in the area of the park south of Tuleta Drive. Despite their fearsome appearance, no one has reported any contact problems with them.

Also returning to the park are Cattle Egrets – and in great numbers. They have changed their nesting sites slightly, relocating to the large Crepe Myrtles just south of the park office near the Joske Pavilion. Interestingly, the sign on the nearby bridge with information about the “Cattle Egret Rookery” has disappeared. When observing these beautiful birds with their white feathers and often golden backs, it is better to concentrate on sight and sound rather than smell. Observant neighbors see them in flight morning and evening traveling to and from the SA Botanical Garden and beyond.

Consider enjoying the sight of the two species together. The contrast of the stark black and the bright white is stunning. Just one more experience to enjoy living in our Mahncke Park Neighborhood.

**HEADS UP RE: WITTE MUSEUM GAME DINNER**

The Witte Museum’s Annual Game Dinner is set for Monday, October 18 from 6 – 10:30 pm. Although event parking is planned for the adjacent parking garage and is not expected to impact the neighborhood, residents may notice increased traffic. Fireworks are tentatively planned for 10 pm so families sensitive to pyrotechnics may wish to plan accordingly.

The MPNA appreciates the thoughtful courtesy of the event planners for providing this information.

**DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Jalen McKee-Rodriguez is the City Council representative serving District 2, which includes our neighborhood.

Denise Hernandez serves as his Constituent Service Director and can be contacted at 210-207-0950 or [denise.hernandez@sanantonio.gov](mailto:denise.hernandez@sanantonio.gov)

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**S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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.

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**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](mailto:anna.rodriquez@sanantonio.gov)

**NEWS FROM LION’S FIELD - 210-207-5380**

Lions Field Center at 2809 Broadway is open from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday-Friday. There is a Fitness Room open to work out on your own! <https://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec>  
Oct. 9, Sat., 8am – 2 pm. BARGAINS ON BROADWAY, the Lion’s Field rummage sale. Spaces available! Contact the center for more details at 210-207-5380. Lion’s Field is currently accepting applications for ART ON BROADWAY, Lion’s Field’s annual juried art show and sale. Email [artonbroadway@gmail.com](mailto:artonbroadway@gmail.com) for info.

**YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2, 109,989,898.B**  
The Internal Revenue Service’s website reports steady progress on the backlog of applications from organizations seeking non-profit designation. A review in late August indicated applications dated May 20 were being reviewed. The MPNA’s application was submitted May 18, 2021. We remain hopeful.

**MPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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