



MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood Association
Established 1979

P.O. BOX 6544

OCTOBER 2021

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will be Monday, October 25, beginning at 7 pm, Lion's Field Adult Center, located at 2809 Broadway.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 7 PM

ELMHURST AVENUE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED

The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association Land Use Committee (LUC) and a nearby neighbor met via Zoom in September with the new owners of 504 Elmhurst Avenue. A 6-unit, Spanish Eclectic-style apartment building is located on the property, which is located at the southeast corner of Elmhurst and North New Braunfels. The owners plan to retain the apartment building and construct up to five single-family buildings on the property. This plan will require re-platting and rezoning. LUC's concerns include the proposed new zoning category and the number of off-street parking spaces.

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

Observant neighbors have noticed new sidewalk ramps at several locations, including Milton Street at Parland Place.

The City's Fiscal Year 2022 budget contains \$13.2M for infrastructure funding within District 2, including street maintenance in our neighborhood as identified below:

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| Elmhurst Avenue Reconstruction from N. New Braunfels Avenue to Millie Lane |
| Millie Lane Reconstruction from Elmhurst Avenue to Parland Place |
| Old Austin Road Reconstruction from Pinckney Street to Westgate Lane |
| Thorman Place Crack Seal Preservation from Broadway Street to N. New Braunfels Ave. |

NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

Most of us know we could drive to the City's Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at Culebra Road and Loop 410, but most of us don't. Our Mahncke Park Battery Person (MPBP), truly a neighborhood hero, has been doing it for us for more than 10 years. Many of us have learned to count on our MPBP hero to responsibly dispose of these small pieces of hazardous waste on our behalf. We are grateful.

Just drop your small batteries off at 318 Pershing Avenue, and the homeowner/hero will recycle them responsibly for you. Look for the clay flowerpot near the front of the house on the right side of the driveway and behind the big plant. No car batteries or other huge batteries, please. If you see our MPBP, be sure to say thanks for providing this neighborhood service for many years.

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

The MPCG on Funston Place is in its seasonal transition, cleaning up summer waste and planting fall vegetables.

Four new open planting beds are being reassigned to gardeners on the waiting list. Just in time for fall & winter crops!

Sad to report the MPCG is experiencing bed raids by garden intruder(s). One gardener has resorted to fencing their bed with chicken wire. At present, no electrified fencing or nighttime motion cameras or aerial drones. Please respect the hard work of our gardeners and the hours they dedicate tilling, planting, watering and tending their individual beds. While the raised beds closer to the street are private, visitors may help themselves to any fruit or vegetables located behind the large oak tree.

Our community garden is a success because it is a welcoming place tended by volunteers. Please visit.

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

When the Japanese Tea Garden was built in Brackenridge Park in 1917, Parks Commissioner Ray Lambert advertised for families to live in three cottages and make items for sale to tourists. Basilio Aguilar produced clay and pottery items, Mrs. Pozo wove cane chair seats and blinds of bullrush, and the Rangel family made baby clothes. The families also served Mexican dinners in the large pavilion adjacent to the cottages. Mexican Village children played with the Jingu family children who lived in their house in the upper part of the Garden, and they walked together through the park to attend Lamar Elementary School at 201 Parland Place. In response to anti-Japanese sentiment during WWII, the City of San Antonio discontinued water service to the housing in the Garden which forced the Jingu and the Mexican Village families to leave.

A Texas Historical Commission marker for the Mexican Village in the Japanese Tea Garden was dedicated last month in Brackenridge Park.

Information for this article was provided by the Conservation Society of SA and Ms. Patsy Light.

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

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,108,241,176A

Observant neighbors noticed last month work by the City's Graffiti Abatement Team, which painted over graffiti on the retaining wall in the 500 block of Eleanor Avenue. In addition, graffiti was abated on three walls of the former King's Palace Restaurant at 3304 Broadway.

Call 311 to report graffiti and request its removal. Be prepared to identify address of property in order to expedite removal.

WITTE MUSEUM GAME DINNER CANCELED

The Witte Museum's Annual Game Dinner scheduled for Monday, October 18 has been canceled.

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Mr. Frankie Trynoski serves as his Chief of Staff and can be contacted at 210-207-8258 or frankie.trynoski@sanantonio.gov

Ms. Denise Hernandez serves as his Constituent Service Director and can be contacted at 210-207-0950 or denise.hernandez@sanantonio.gov

District 2 City Council contact information:
Downtown Office, 210-207-7278
Claude Black Community Center Office, 210-207-0950
Rittiman Road Office, 210-207-0970

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.

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

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,108,241,176B

The Internal Revenue Service has not yet processed the MPNA's application seeking non-profit designation. The application was submitted May 18, 2021. The wheels of government turn slowly.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,108,241,176C

During last month's MPNA meeting at Lion's Field Adult Center, City Council District 2 Chief of Staff Frankie Trynoski agreed to work toward having the City notify our neighborhood of approved fireworks display permits. It is hoped such notifications may allow neighbors to prepare if they have sensitive animals and/or family members.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,108,241,176D

We appreciate Ms. Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, our representative in the Texas House of Representatives, attending last month's MPNA meeting at Lion's Field Adult Center with members of her staff. Her straight talk regarding the present special session and redistricting were enlightening and refreshing.

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

Evening hours have resumed at Lions Field Adult Center, 2809 Broadway. Hours are Monday-Thursday 8am to 9pm, Friday 8am to 5pm. Lion's Field offers a variety of activities - crafts, jewelry, painting, music classes, 42 dominoes, bridge and more. The Fitness Room is now available to work out on your own.

Here are details regarding some current programs:

Oct. 9, Sat., 8am – 2 pm. BARGAINS ON BROADWAY, the Lion's Field rummage sale.

Thursdays, Oct. 7-28, 2-4 pm, CLAY WITH DONNA DOBBERFUHL, www.sculpturaldesigns.com). Learn the ins and outs of water-based clay in this 4 week course. \$250 payable to the instructor.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 6:30pm. BEGINNING HULA \$20 monthly fee payable to the instructor.

FREE DANCE ACTIVITIES AT LIONS FIELD

LINE DANCE, No membership required for this Fitness in the Park activity! Thurs., 10am - 12pm

FOLKLORICO DANCE FITNESS, Starts Wed., 10/13, at 9am

FLAMENCO DANCE FITNESS, Starts Wed., 10/13, at 10am

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| 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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