



# MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood Association  
Established 1979

P.O. BOX 6544

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature a presentation regarding Brackenridge Park improvements – both planned and recently completed. A representative from the City's Parks Dept will present. Join us on Monday, April 25, starting at 7pm, Lion's Field Center, 2809 Broadway

**MONDAY, APRIL 25, 7PM, LION'S FIELD CTR**

## YOUR OPINION COUNTS

In an effort to plan future meetings and better respond to neighbors' areas of interest and/or concern, the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) would like to hear from you. Please take a moment to complete the short survey accessible via the attached QR code. We appreciate your opinion.



## HISTORIC HOMEOWNER FAIR, SATURDAY, MAY 7

The Historic Homeowner Fair is hosted by the City's Office of Historic Preservation and is free to everyone. This year's event will be held in the nearby TriPoint Event Center, 3233 N. St. Mary's Street on Saturday, May 7 from 10:30am – 3:30pm. Free registration may be completed by visiting the City of San Antonio's website on the information superhighway.

Ready to get started on your next home improvement project? Need some help connecting with a contractor or design professional? Want to ask experienced renovators about their work in older homes? This free annual event brings together owners and occupants of aging and older homes with local professionals, services, and solutions to care for and maintain their properties. The event also includes a popular Exhibit Hall featuring local design and construction professionals, as well as sellers of tile, metal fixtures, paint, and salvaged materials. Programs will be offered throughout the day on popular topics and a panel discussion with local renovators will share lessons learned the hard way.

## LAMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

The \$16M improvement project at Lamar Elementary School on Parland Place is expected to begin construction in December or January, per representatives of Pfluger Architects at last month's MPNA meeting. SAISD has awarded a contract to Rogers-O'Brien Construction to complete the work, which is projected to be finished in July 2024.

Key improvements include a new cafeteria, kitchen, library, and fine arts room. An off-street driveway for school bus loading/unloading will be built on the site of the existing parking lot on Parland Place. Also, the school's main entry will move from the Parland side of the school to the Bellview side and be part of a new 2 story building (Pfluger Architects lowered the original building design from 3 stories to achieve cost savings). When completed, the new campus will be able to accommodate 525 students (at present, Lamar's enrollment is 375, grades pre-K through 6). Lamar will continue to operate during the construction; a Rogers-O'Brien representative at the meeting stated work hours will "typically be 7am – 5pm, Monday – Friday."

The small, 3.5 acre campus with its many mature live oak and pecan trees presented design challenges & opportunities to the design team; however, their plan calls for removal of only one mature pecan tree near the east end of the existing building. Unfortunately, the six youthful, 8' to 15' trees now growing alongside the sidewalk on the west side of Bellview are slated for removal as part of the project.

For additional details regarding the project, contact Senior Project Manager Yvonne Little, SAISD Construction Services at 210-279-0282 or [ylittle1@saisd.net](mailto:ylittle1@saisd.net)

## RECENTLY OPENED DINER/DELI IN MAHNCKE PARK

Neighbor Mary Yturri reports:

Mahncke Park's local diner scene has suffered some deep losses over the years after Earl Abel's moved and Jim's cut its dinner hours. Enter The Hayden, a bustling scene with deep booths, a counter for single diners (or drinkers – there is a full bar) and warm lighting. The Hayden bills itself as "Jew-ish" but like any good diner the menu offers something for everyone. The matzoh balls are more sinkers than floaters but what else do you expect from a place that also serves a terrific pork schnitzel? Weekend brunch offerings are extensive and delicious. It's easy to feel right at home at the eclectic Hayden, just like Mahncke Park. The Hayden is at 4025 Broadway.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,108,262,611

Observant neighbors have noticed the recent upgrade to the alley between Carnahan & Pershing Avenues from N. New Braunfels to Avenel. Some residents had expressed concerns to the City of water runoff during heavy rains flowing from the alley and flooding their backyards. In response, this alley was added to the City's Public Works Dept.'s list of alleys to be upgraded.

The contractor hired to reconstruct "non-service alleys" across San Antonio completed the work at this location in March. The contractor graded the alley, then laid 3" of road base material. The work is intended to clear up rutting and ponding in the alley while directing water flow to the west end of the alley onto Avenel. Area residents report the work was done promptly but the rolling compactor machinery caused nearby homes to shake excessively.

This particular alley is the only one in our neighborhood slated for upgrade as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, per Capital Projects Officer Ms. Patricia McWilliams.

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

Early this month the Mahncke Park Community Garden hosted its Spring Garden Party, which included informative presentations re: bee keeping and sprout growing. Also, there were wonderful plants and supplies for sale – and celebrated, local chef Michael Sohocki made incredible pizzas on-site in his pizza oven trailer. What a great neighborhood!

REVISITING AN OLD PROBLEM

Complaints about dog walkers not cleaning up after their dogs have recently seemed to spike. Perhaps people move into the neighborhood and discover what a wonderfully walkable area it is. And perhaps they don't realize that folks around here are generally quite responsible about cleaning up after their dogs. In fact, we have noticed people returning to locations with a poop bag to undertake a belated clean-up. Thank you for that.

Please remember you MUST clean up after your dog. It is simply disrespectful not to do so. Besides, you don't want someone's doorbell camera to show your inconsiderate behavior to the world! Many walkers attach a little container with poop bags in it to the leash, so that they always have one with them. Others make use of plastic newspaper bags, increasingly rare these days, to use as poop bags. Some always check pockets to make sure they have a clean up bag with them. To be sure that you do not have to enter a neighbor's yard for to clean up, it can sometimes be a good idea to walk Fifi or Fido on the street side of the sidewalk.

On the other side of things - our neighborhood is such a comfortable area to walk for many reasons, including shaded streets and lovely landscapes. Although it is a small thing and may seem insignificant, thoughtful residents that take a few moments to trim low hanging limbs or trim shrub branches near sidewalks help create a safer, more pleasant experience for those pushing strollers, walking dogs or toddlers, or simply out for a walk to enjoy our corner of the world.

LIONS FIELD ADULT CTR, SOME HISTORY ABOUT

Lion's Field Adult Center is a City-owned property at 2809 Broadway that is operated by the Parks Department. Built in 1923-1924 on City property at the SW corner of Broadway and Mulberry, the original structure and playground were paid for by the local Lion's Club as a gift to San Antonio.

The MPNA has held monthly meetings at Lion's Field for over 40 years. In fact, this convenient, centrally located facility has served as the meeting place for a variety of community and non-profit groups for many years, and Lion's Field has become one of the top early voting sites in Bexar County.

We encourage neighbors to take advantage of the many opportunities at Lion's Field, from games to classes to exercise to crafts to musical events.

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