



## MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood  
Association  
Established 1979

**MAY 2022**

### THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will include a presentation on the Midtown Regional Center Plan adopted in 2019 by City Council. The plan includes the Mahncke Park, Westfort Alliance, Uptown, 5 Points and Tobin Hill neighborhoods. It describes this area as experiencing faster population growth than other parts of the City in recent years following a decade of population loss. The Plan's focus includes land use, mobility, infrastructure, housing and economic development.

### **MONDAY, MAY 23, 7PM, LION'S FIELD CTR**

#### PUBLIC MTG RE: BRACKENRIDGE PARK PROJECT

The San Antonio Parks Dept and Public Works Dept are holding a public meeting regarding planned improvements in Brackenridge Park to restore and preserve 1920s stone walls and the 1870 Pump House. This project has raised concern by some members of the public - particularly since the plan calls for removal of 105 trees, including 10 "heritage trees" that are considered irreplaceable due to their size and rarity. Another concern expressed involves possible destruction of the egret rookery, which exists within several large trees on the west bank of the river near the SA Zoo.

The public meeting will be held in the Witte Museum's Prassel Auditorium on May 24 beginning at 6pm.

#### MIRAFLORES REHABILITATION CONTINUES

The SA Parks Dept. reported at the MPNA's April meeting that improvements to Miraflores are scheduled for completion within the next two months. Remaining work includes repair of plaster and planting trees. There is no timeline for future improvements, if any. Parks Dept. representatives at the meeting did not remember the budget for the current improvements, and when asked if Miraflores would be open to the public they thought it should be on some basis, but were not sure how.

Miraflores is visible from Hildebrand – it is located south of (and adjacent to) Hildebrand and east of the San Antonio River as it passes under the bridge on Hildebrand. This 4.5 acre property was originally part of a 15 acre plot owned by Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, a renowned Mexican surgeon who fled to San Antonio in 1914 during the Mexican Revolution. Urrutia designed & developed this private garden between 1921 – 1945, which included winding paths, sculpture, Talavera tile, benches, urns, fountains, and ponds. At least 10 faux bois (false wood) concrete objects were created by artisan Dionicio Rodriguez on the site. The City acquired the property in 2006.

### EASTER EGG HUNT, A WONDERFUL SUCCESS

Mahncke Park's Easter egg hunt was finally able to happen again after last year's hiatus due to COVID. The event was much fun with over 50 folks attending. Plastic eggs were filled with a variety of treats (including \$\$\$!) and there were separate hunts for toddler types and for those kids more competitive and steadier on their feet. Thank you to those that made donations in support of the event, including Katy Bolin, Deb Teng, Cindy Reidinger, Michael Bandor, and Bruce Martin. Thanks also to MPNA President Valerie Jeannin of Eleanor Avenue, Taylor E. Watson of Eleanor Avenue, and Ruth Rodriguez & Paul Vaughn both of Thorman Place – they all volunteered and helped everything work smoothly. The event was organized by MPNA Secretary Elizabeth Kish of Natalen Street. Congratulations & thanks to all!

### MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Ghisallo Cycling Initiative's Earth Day activity on April 23 included 25 cyclists visiting four of San Antonio's community gardens – including the Mahncke Park Community Garden on Funston Place. Saving the best for last, the riders arrived and were greeted by MPCG volunteers, who supplied them with drinks, snacks and fruit. They were very friendly and attentive as Ric Minks of Parland Place provided a brief garden history and discussion about how the garden is managed, followed by a walkabout to understand how the property was planned and laid out. After about 30 minutes of rest and rejuvenation, they cycled off to Gardopia Gardens, their starting point on San Antonio's Eastside near N. New Braunfels and E. Houston Street.

New bees were picked up last week in Sequin and have been introduced to their new home in the MPCG's hive. A fertilized queen, worker bees, honey and brood are safely in place. They are being fed sugar water to strengthen the hive and an inspection of the hive is planned this month to ensure all is well.

Free Plants. Area residents may help themselves to free plants in pots located under the live oak tree in the MPCG. Just a few plants left over from April's Garden Party needing a new home.

Next garden workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at 10am. All are welcome.

### YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS MORE CIVILIZED

Observant neighbors have been delighted to discover the beautifully curated gift shop Cadeaux, which opened last month in the Boardwalk. 4007 Broadway. Clever cards, exquisite treasures, jewelry and more.

NEW BLOCK CAPTAINS

Wendy & Derek Elliott are new Block Captains and will be delivering the monthly newsletter to Perry Court. Thanks to you both for stepping up and volunteering your time on behalf of our wonderful neighborhood.

The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) operates via the strength, goodwill, and commitment of its volunteers, in particular the Block Captains and Area Captains responsible for distributing newsletters across the neighborhood every month. They are all responsible for helping make our neighborhood the wonderful spot it has become.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,206,888

Speed humps were installed last month in the 200 and 300 blocks of Pershing Avenue after having been removed in November in anticipation of the San Antonio Marathon. The new humps are muy grande.

GOLF COURSE HORN

The San Antonio Country Club golf course horn is a familiar sound to area neighbors. A single blast of the horn is a warning that lightning has occurred within 10 miles of the property. When the horn blasts three times, that is the "all clear" signal indicating there have been no lightning strikes for 10 minutes within 10 miles of the golf course.

Some neighbors may recall the horn sounding at night – a puzzling circumstance; however, General Mgr Marvin Jones recently reported the SA Country Club discontinued horn blasts after sundown several years ago. Sleep tight.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY FOR THE KIDDOS

Nature of Art is a summer camp that is a partnership between the Southwest School of Art and the SA River Foundation with sessions conducted at the inspiring and beautifully designed Confluence Park. Students will delve into nature through artistic practice and fill their days with nature walks, science and art-based projects, movement and visits from local nature and animal advocates and educators. The program is Monday – Friday from 9am – 4pm. Each week of camp will take place in person at Confluence Park, 310 W. Mitchell St.

Dates of Nature of Art:

Week 1, July 11 - 15 for ages 7-9

Week 2, July 18 - 22 for ages 7-9

Week 3, July 25 - 29 for ages 10-13

Week 4, August 1 - 5 for ages 10-13

Tuition for this program will be \$50 for the week.

Students to provide their lunch, snacks and drinks.

**Registration opens May 10 at 9:00AM**

For info Patricia Morales at [pmorales@swschool.org](mailto:pmorales@swschool.org)

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LION'S FIELD ADULT CENTER NEWS, 210-207-5380

The programs at Lion's Field are many and varied. Check out their new Strength Training classes Mon. and Wed. evenings at 6:30 and the new activities like patio gardening Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12noon. You may also be interested in the SA Food Bank's Nutrition Program on Friday, June 6 at 12noon. For a full schedule, go to [sanantonio.gov](http://sanantonio.gov)>ParksAndRec>Parks-Facilities

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THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

This month's MPNA newsletter is sponsored by the Mahncke Park Community Garden. Located on Funston Place and established in 2016, the Community Garden has created a welcoming greenspace with fruit trees, abundant flowers, raised beds of vegetables, and a lovely space to sit quietly and enjoy shade from one of our neighborhood's majestic live oak trees. We appreciate the MPCG sponsoring this month's MPNA newsletter.



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