



MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood
Association

Established 1979

JANUARY 2022

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting of the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) will be Monday, January 24, beginning at 7 pm, Lion's Field Adult Center, located at 2809 Broadway.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 7 PM

NON-PROFIT STATUS APPROVED

The MPNA's application for non-profit status was approved last month by the Internal Revenue Service. The designation will offer several benefits to our organization and members, including the ability to make tax deductible donations to the MPNA. We salute Mike Bandor for taking the lead on this successful effort, which was initiated almost 12 months ago. Congratulations & thanks, Mike!

WILDFLOWER SEEDS PLANTED IN MAHNCKE PARK

Neighbors gathered in Mahncke Park on December 5 and planted three pounds of native wildflower seeds. The seeds were supplied by the Parks Dept. and included Texas Bluebonnet, Indian Blanket, Black-Eyed Susan, Prairie Coneflower, Clasp Coneflower, Lemon Mint, Mexican Hat, and Plains Coreopsis. This cooperative effort to re-establish native wildflowers in the neighborhood's signature park began over 20 years ago as a memorial to Funston Place resident Dana Waldman who died too young. The annual seed planting now serves as a living memorial to all loved ones and neighbors now deceased.

Seed planters last month included the following:
Laura, Maru, & Bruce He of Parland Place;
Tomas, Mateo, & Emmy Berry of Parland Place;
Jasmin, Alexa, & Celeste Holmes of San Antonio;
Ric Minks & George Grimes of Parland Place;
Mary Yturri of Thorman Place; and
Bruce Martin of Pershing Avenue.

And like every year, rain fell the following week.

NEIGHBORHOOD WILDLIFE: COYOTES

An observant neighbor reported seeing a coyote trotting uphill last month before sunrise on Pershing Avenue near Old Austin Road. Some time ago, an equally observant resident reported spotting a coyote loping uphill in Mahncke Park – and another neighbor recently saw a coyote loitering in the parking lot behind IHOP at 3820 Broadway.

The varied habitat within our neighborhood supports a range of wildlife – some survive more successfully than others but all face challenges to their daily lives. Please be cautious when encountering wild animals for their sake as well as yours.

SPECTACULAR SPECTACULAR

The SA Botanical Garden's Lightscape presentation ended its inaugural year on the evening of January 2. The combination of abundant holiday light displays and recorded music began November 19 with tickets priced \$16 - \$25; SABG members received a \$2 discount. Complimentary shuttle bus service transferred attendees between free parking lots at the University of the Incarnate Word and the Botanical Garden. Parking at the Botanical Garden was \$15. The local daily newspaper reported attendance projections of "about 95,000 to 105,000" for the six week event; this year was the first year of a five year agreement.

Residents near the Botanical Garden appreciated the off-site parking plan for event attendees, which substantially limited inconvenience due to on-street parking within the neighborhood; however, six hours of amplified, nightly holiday music on 90 second loop for six consecutive weeks could test even the most cheerful elf.

PROPOSED CITY BOND ISSUE TAKING SHAPE

City Council is expected to identify a final list of projects January 20 to be included in a \$1.2 billion bond package, which will be voted on by the public May 7. To see a list of recommended projects by proposition category go to www.sanantonio.gov/2022bond

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK 2,102,881,864

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday is Monday, January 17; therefore, City Solid Waste Mgt. Dept. will not operate that date. Instead, recycling & organic recycling regularly scheduled on Mondays will occur on Tuesday, January 18.

A GENTLE REMINDER

We are fortunate to enjoy weekly curbside pickup of our garbage, recycling and organic recycling. Occasionally, neighbors have received notices regarding placement of products in incorrect containers. For example, pet poop bags should be placed in garbage bin, not organic recycling bin. But it is fine to put used pizza boxes in organic recycling bins.

Please make an effort to move your bins away from the curb after City collection is complete with a target of having all bins relocated before next morning.

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Anna M. Rodriguez is the Code Compliance Officer assigned to our part of town. Contact her at 210-416-5891 or anna.rodriguez@sanantonio.gov

A LOOK BACK AT 2021

Attache is a short list of happenings which occurred over the last year in our Mahncke Park Neighborhood.

January - June:

4 way stop created at Funston Place & Milton.
"Guerilla artwork" stenciled on four sides of traffic signal box at SW corner Funston & N. New Braunfels. Then promptly abated.
8" snowfall, 100+ hours subfreezing temperatures, & loss of electricity & water service impact area; MPNA volunteers distribute cases of bottled water.
Botanical Garden installed new perimeter fencing.
Tres Centurias Foundation announced winners of art contest for Mahncke Pk kids; Cira Garza & Otto Hargesheimer awarded Good Time Charlie's Café \$30 gift certificates.
New curbs & paving on Pershing btwn Old Austin Rd & N. New Braunfels finished. \$478,000 project.
Mahncke Pk Community Garden Party returns.
MPNA submits application to IRS for designation as not-for-profit, tax exempt, charitable organization.
Enzo Garza of Carnahan and Naz Caporale of Claremont welcomed as new MPNA Block Captains.
GeoCaching/Treasure Hunting began in Mahncke Pk.
Residence at 406 Pershing demolished; City did not notify MPNA prior to demolition.
New District 2 City Council representative elected; Jalen McKee-Rodriguez wins runoff with 63% votes over incumbent Jada Andrews-Sullivan.
Commonwealth Coffee at 118 Davis Ct. proposed zoning change to ok operating Sundays, 7am-3pm.
Construction work to install walkway linking Brackenridge Park to Miraflores resumes.
Peacock takes up residence on Upper Pershing Ave.

July - December:

Allensworth St. neighbors celebrate Mahncke Day.
Portion of Milton St. collapses due to failure of subsurface drainage conduit; stone wall preserved.
Fountain in Mahncke Pk repaired by Parks Dept.
New asphalt paving on Parland between Broadway & N. New Braunfels completed. \$490,000 project.
MPNA Ice Cream Social organized by Naz Caporale enjoys success despite ominous storm clouds.
MP volunteers help Circle School prepare for new school year - both indoors & outdoors.
Valerie Jeannin of Eleanor Ave. welcomed as new MPNA Block Captain.
Jessie Cox of Funston Place welcomed as new MPNA Block Captain.
Mahncke Pk Community Garden nominated for two awards, SA Community Garden of the Year & Pollinator Garden of the Year.
MP Community Garden's beehive produces 1.5 gallons honey which is quickly sold & funds purchase of new roof and new base for the hive.
TX House Rep. Barbara Gervin-Hawkins attends MPNA meeting at Lion's Field Adult Center & briefs attendees re: special sessions and redistricting.
SAISD presents plan for \$21.5M renovation at Lamar Elementary School, 201 Parland Place.
New train (CWT Express) begins operating in Brackenridge Park.
MPNA Friendsgiving n'hood lunch organized by Naz Caporale enjoys success in park with perfect weather.
New pavement applied to Old Austin Road between Pinckney & Eleanor.
SA Marathon & Half Marathon runs through neighborhood with over 14K runners participating.
IRS approves MPNA's application to become a not-for-profit, tax exempt, charitable organization.

LION'S FIELD ADULT CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY

Lion's Field Community Center is operated by the San Antonio Parks Dept. 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. Their Fitness Room is now available to work out on your own.

Call 210-207-5380 for additional information.

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 out of town.
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