



# MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood  
Association  
Established 1979

**JULY 2022**

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Learn about changes being planned to the waterway in Mahncke Park. Engineer Joshua Spencer with the SA Antonio River Authority will present the "Mahncke Park Stream Restoration Conceptual Design."

## **TUESDAY, JULY 19, 7PM, LION'S FIELD CTR**

### DEVELOPMENTS AT KIDDIE PARK & RANCH MOTEL

The Mahncke Park Land Use Committee met last month with a representative of Sandstone Development regarding the former Kiddie Park and Ranch Motel properties at 3101 and 3105 Broadway. The owner plans to develop the Kiddie Park property as an outdoor food court. The Ranch Motel site will continue to be a motel, but the driveway from Broadway will be closed. The two properties will share a common landscaping plan. The owner intends to rezone the property from C-2 to IDZ. The Land Use Committee made recommendations for revisions to the proposed project including a pedestrian entrance to the food court from Broadway. The developer stated the recommendations will be considered and the MPNA will be contacted in the future.

### WHERE BRACKENRIDGE PARK BELONGS

City Council approved a plan in June to realign city council district boundaries in an effort to balance an equal population among each of the 10 city council districts in response to the 2020 census. Discussion and subsequent preliminary maps featured Brackenridge Park moving from its present location within both Districts 1 and 2 to be located completely in District 1. (Our neighborhood lies within City Council District 2). However, the final, approved boundary map did NOT include the change and Brackenridge Park will continue to be part of both City Council Districts 1 and 2.

### SA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our area Patrol Officer Juan Hernandez reported a slight increase in property crimes last month. He encouraged neighbors to lock their vehicles at all times. Hernandez also reminded neighbors at last month's meeting that they may contact him directly to request a "patrol by" of their property when they plan to be out of town. We are fortunate to have Officer Juan Hernandez' attention & support.

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## NATURAL SPACE TO CHERISH AND PROTECT

Mahncke Park neighbors love their parks in all seasons. We enjoy our pocket parks - Clover Lawn, Mesquite Lawn and Blue Grass Lawn alongside Catalpa Ave., Wesley Place Park on Eleanor Ave., and Gene Flores Park on Austin Road - and the Community Garden on Funston Place, plus open greenspace created by the SA Country Club and Ft Sam Houston, and our namesake park between Funston and Parland. In the parks, we hold Easter egg hunts and July 4<sup>th</sup> parades, we jog and walk around them, stroll through, picnic, walk dogs, and teach our children. The Mahncke Park park was created as a natural bridge between Brackenridge Park and the SA Botanical Garden at the turn of the last century. Its historic stand of mesquite trees survives to this day, surrounded by a dozen species of grasses that have now turned the hillside a golden tan. In the spring, in years with average rainfall, the park is not mowed in order to protect and showcase the carpets of wildflowers, including the most recognizable Indian Blankets and Bluebonnets. The grasses and flowers attract dozens of bird species. The waterway near the park's west end supports frogs, turtles, hawks, and herons - plus the occasional fox and skunk. Mahncke Park is a precious natural space to cherish and protect.

## NEW BLOCK CAPTAIN FOR CLAREMONT AVE.

Tannie Low is the new Block Captain for Claremont. Thank you for stepping up to fill this volunteer position, Tannie! We appreciate and respect the work of volunteers across our community, particularly those in our neighborhood whose efforts serve to build connections among area residents.

## HELLO, SUMMER!

Thank you to everyone that turned out in June for our social event, Summer is Here, Let's Get a Beer! Over 70 adults and kiddos attended to enjoy food and drinks at the Pigpen on Pershing Avenue. Fun was had by all. Very big THANKS to Josh Godwin of Allensworth Street for organizing the event and to the amazing Naz Caprole of Claremont Street for publicizing it. This event was made possible by a donation from PHL Foundation of San Antonio - we appreciate their support of the MPNA!

## MPNA SIGNS: THE SEARCH CONTINUES

The MPNA board of directors is seeking yard signs that announce the monthly meeting. A number of the signs were purchased a few years ago and distributed throughout the area. Do you have one? Please check and if you do, send email to [info@mahnckepark.org](mailto:info@mahnckepark.org)

**BRACKENRIDGE PARK TREES VERDICT DELIVERED**

The San Antonio Parks Dept. provided information at a June 14 public meeting in the Witte Museum describing the final version of revised plans to rehabilitate a portion of Brackenridge Park along the river near the zoo and the 1870 pump house. The project area known as Phase One was part of the City's 2017 bond issue, but design work remains unfinished and construction work has yet to begin due, in part, to concerns expressed at public meetings in April and May regarding the plan's proposal to remove trees and potentially destroy a traditional heron & egret nesting area.

The Parks Dept's design team for the project is the SWA Group, an international landscape architecture, planning and urban design firm with eight studios worldwide including Dallas and Houston. The firm's representative presented updated plans last month which will preserve historic rock walls alongside the river but will include removing 6 heritage trees, 37 significant trees, and 8 invasive or dead trees while relocating 1 heritage tree and 18 significant trees. Not all neighbors were satisfied with this conclusion but the plan is moving forward.

Final design drawings are expected in September with review by the Texas Historical Commission in October. If approved, the designs may then be presented to the SA Historic & Design Review Commission in November or December. Once the design is finally approved, selection of a firm to undertake construction may occur.

**NOW MORE BRACKENRIDGE PARK NEWS**

Phase 2 of the City's 2017 bond issue related to Brackenridge Park will include restoration and preservation of the 1776 Upper Labor Diversion Dam, located slightly north of the Phase 1 area. Public meetings regarding Phase 2 improvements will be hosted by the Parks Dept. and Public Works Dept. at the Witte Museum, beginning at 6pm on July 14, August 16, and August 30. All are invited to attend.

**CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION**

Mr. Jalen McKee-Rodriguez is the District 2 City Councilman and his district includes Mahncke Park.

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**LIONS FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY**

Lion's Field always has fun and interesting events happening. There are craft days on Tuesday and craft evenings on Wednesday. There are monthly tech classes on Thursday and nutrition classes on Friday. There are tea parties, happy hours (non-alcoholic) and potlucks. And there are lots of special events.

Plan ahead for their ANNUAL ART SHOW & OPEN HOUSE September 16 from 1 - 2:30pm and BARGAINS ON BROADWAY rummage sale October 8 from 8am - 2pm. Spaces go on sale August 22. And don't miss the SUMMER BASH on July 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Dance the evening away at Lions Field. Call 210-207-5380 for details.

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