



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 \$16M improvements planned for the Lamar Elementary School campus. Representatives from Pfluger Architects and SA Independent School District will provide details, including the scope of work, changes to on-site parking, and construction timeline.

**MARCH 28, MONDAY, 7PM
LION'S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY**

NEW MPNA BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

The following persons were elected at last month's neighborhood meeting to serve on this year's Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) board of directors:

Stephen Amberg, Allensworth Street
Kahlyne Fletcher, Pershing Avenue
Isabel Garcia, Queen Anne Court
Josh Godwin, Allensworth Street
Valerie Jeannin, Eleanor Avenue
Liz Kish, Natalen Street
Ruth Rodriguez, Thorman Place

Many thanks to George Grimes of Parland Place for dedicating substantial hours as nominating committee chairman, resulting in an impressive roster of neighbors from across Mahncke Park to serve on this year's MPNA board.

POPULAR FOOD TRAILER IN NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighbor Mary Yturri reports:
For easy and delicious takeout in the neighborhood, look no further than Golden Meals. The unassuming food truck nestled in the parking lot near the vape shop and Convenient Food Mart at Broadway & Parland Place is a hidden gem worthy of its gleaming name. Try the gyro with fries or the mixed tikka along with incredible dolmas, hummus, and middle eastern specialty drinks. These are only a few go-to favorites enjoyed in the 3 months since the food trailer opened, but the menu offers much more - including a decadent burger.

Golden Meals is open every day from 11am to 12midnight and on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights until 1am. Orders can be placed online, via telephone, or at the window. Delivery is offered through Doordash and GrubHub. Golden Meals will also cater your dinner or event.

The quality and freshness of Golden Meals rivals that of any sit-down establishment. Owners Hassan and Imam are happy to be in the neighborhood and we are lucky to have them!

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY

Garden Party is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 from 10:30am-1:30pm. Plant sales & more.

THANKS TO FORMER MPNA BOARD MEMBERS

We extend sincere appreciation to the following neighbors who generously dedicated their time serving on the most recent MPNA board and whose terms have ended. They worked successfully despite abundant challenges created by the virus pandemic. Thanks to each of you for your work making our neighborhood a more wonderful corner of the world.
Taylor Watson, Eleanor Avenue
Crissy Reid, Claremont Street
Chris Aufdenberg, Thorman Place
Mike Bandor, Thorman Place
Colleen Ferruzzi, Thorman Place

BRACKENRIDGE PARK TREE REMOVAL POSTPONED

A Parks Dept. plan to cut down 104 trees has been postponed – most likely until this fall. As part of a 2017 bond issue project to restore historic stone walls and structures alongside the river in Brackenridge Park, the Parks Dept. proposed removing the trees to protect the structures and ensure public safety. The fact that 10 heritage trees (with trunk diameter of 24" or greater) were part of the removal plan created attention, consternation, and gnashing of teeth. Also concerning was the fact the frequently disregarded, City Council-approved tree ordinance includes a 100% prohibition on removing heritage trees.

Heritage trees are considered irreplaceable because of their age, rarity, or size. The 10 heritage trees proposed for removal included live oak, pecan, and bald cypress. The Parks Dept. proposed to plant at least 200 replacement trees in the area, as well as 200-400 replacement trees elsewhere in the park.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,102,077,278

Our District 2 City Councilman Jalen McKee-Rodriguez recently initiated efforts to introduce several items for consideration by the City Council. Of particular interest to residential neighborhoods inside Loop 410 is his proposal to require displacement studies to "proactively mitigate the impacts of displacement prior to incentivizing or approving development contracts."

A CURIOUS POLITICAL OCCURRENCE

Observant neighbors were surprised to see a campaign sign displayed on the SA Botanical Garden's property near Pershing Avenue & Old Austin Road. The large, red, 4' x 4' sign for a Bexar County Republican Chairman candidate was securely attached to posts that previously held a Botanical Garden sign and later a sign for the café operator in the Sullivan Carriage House. NOTE: The candidate received 45% of the vote in the GOP primary.

S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood and reported for the period between January 1 and February 15, one aggravated assault with a deadly weapon occurred, which involved an officer who was not injured.

Officer Hernandez also reported homelessness remains an ongoing issue within Mahncke Park and surrounding areas. Encampment abatements are slowly ramping up. However, the biggest challenge is convincing homeless individuals to accept available resources such as housing via Haven For Hope. Therefore, when abatement of an encampment occurs, the residents scatter temporarily then build another camp elsewhere. For example, there was a large encampment along the San Antonio River in the River Road neighborhood. Eventually, the encampment was abated and dismantled. The individuals were later found in an encampment near Highway 281 and Mulberry Avenue. The same thing occurred with encampments under the IH-35 corridor. Despite these challenges, SAPD, Park Police and the City's Department of Human Services will continue to offer services with the hope that homeless persons gain the help they need - but the city will also implement and enforce laws to alleviate issues within neighborhoods.

SOME RESULTS FROM 2020 CENSUS

The 2020 census is starting to provide an interesting view of changes in the San Antonio population. Tract 1920, which includes Mahncke Park, the SW corner of Terrell Hills, parts of Fort Sam Houston, the area slightly north of Incarnate Word, and property between Broadway and the S.A. River south to IH-35 is one of the few portions of town where the Hispanic population went down (5.2%) and the White population went up (4.1%). [We're using the language of the census report.] The number of people listed as two-or-more races more than doubled.

By contrast, in San Antonio as a whole, the Hispanic population increased .7%, as the White population fell by 3.2%. Again, people identifying as bi-racial more than doubled. The Bexar County numbers were similar to those of San Antonio. Source of this info is <https://www.expressnews.com/projects/2021/census2020>

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

For more Lion's Field activities, search "Lion's Field San Antonio" and find a complete calendar of activities, including arts and crafts, exercise classes, musical activities, dance classes, board games, & much more.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,476,922

Gary Cox of Pershing Avenue reports the Parks Department is scheduled to complete repairs this month to lights in the Mahncke Park fountain. The fountain is located in the park near Broadway and was a gift to the city from Ludwig Mahncke's daughter, Mrs. Joseph Mahncke Deutz, in 1964 in memory of her father, who was San Antonio's first Parks Commissioner from 1896 until 1906.

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 home while you are out of town.

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S.A. CODE COMPLIANCE

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