



## MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood  
Association

Established 1979

P.O. BOX 6544

**AUGUST 2022**

### THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Attend this month's meeting on August 16 at 7pm and learn about upcoming development in the neighborhood, get updates from City Council, and hear from SA Police Dept. regarding area concerns. Voter registration opportunities for November 8 General Election will be discussed.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 7PM  
LION'S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY**

### PALETA PARTY PLANNED IN PARK

The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) invites all residents to a Paleta Party! Celebrate the back-to-school season & the end of summer with a paleta! Special thanks to neighbor Naz Caporale of Claremont Avenue for donating the paletas (popsicles). Join us Saturday, August 27 at 5pm in Mahncke Park across from Lamar Elementary School.

### JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> IN MAHCKE PARK, A WONDERFUL TIME

The heat did not discourage neighbors from gathering on the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup> for an Independence Day Parade. About 25 attendees marched, walked, strolled, rolled, and biked up Parland Place from Lamar Elementary School to the flagpoles at the top of Mahncke Park. Paul Vaughn of Thorman Place read an excerpt from the Declaration of Independence and offered a hopeful interpretation in his lively baritone. Participants then paraded back down the hill to enjoy watermelon and a piñata. It was a great time for the kids to have fun and for neighbors to connect. Thanks very much to Paul Vaughn for his oratory skills and thanks to Ruth Rodriguez of Thorman Place and Valerie Jeannin of Eleanor Avenue for their impressive efforts organizing this successful event!

Epilogue. Neighbors were treated to an exuberant fireworks display shortly after sunset hosted by the SA Country Club. What a great neighborhood!

### YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS CHANGING

Renovation work to the former Picante Grill Restaurant at 3810 Broadway & Pershing Avenue is nearing completion and the site will soon open as The Cottage. A combination Irish pub and restaurant, The Cottage is tentatively planned to operate from 11am – 2am. The local daily newspaper reported the owners of The Cottage (who have owned Waxy O'Connor's on the River Walk since it opened in 2006) intend to make the new operation "a neighborhood watering hole."

### YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,171,191

The City's Solid Waste Dept. will NOT operate on Labor Day, Monday, September 5. Collection of recyclables & organic recycling will move from Monday, September 5 to Tuesday, September 6.

### SOMETHING NEW IN BRACKENRIDGE PARK

Observant neighbors report a new miniature train is riding the rails in Brackenridge Park. The new train has an automobile-like nose and windshield modeled after the diesel electric versions built in the 1950s and is painted in Union Pacific's distinctive yellow & red. Last year, a new train painted green, orange, and blue with a SA Zoo pattern was introduced. A visit to the information superhighway at [sazoo.org](http://sazoo.org) reveals a \$40 ticket will provide unlimited rides through August 31 and that both trains are fully accessible to mobility impaired persons.

### BROADWAY CORRIDOR LOWER SEGMENT: AVE. B

The following information was prepared by Joey Doctor, Capital Works Project Officer, Public Works Dept., 210-207-8415 and forwarded to the MPNA by the City Council District 2 Office on July 19:

On August 1, 2022 Sundt Construction will begin conversion of existing two-way traffic on Avenue B (btwn McCullough to E. Jones) to a permanent southbound one-way traffic flow. Additionally, Sundt will begin construction of concrete landscaping planters, signage placement, landscaping, & striping of roadway including bike lanes. Flagmen will be onsite as needed to help direct traffic at intersection areas, and the roadway will be opened to traffic. As a safety measure for motorists, temporary traffic signage will be placed during the construction period, and permanent signage will be installed at the end of construction.

Businesses and residents will have sidewalk and parking lot accessibility. The bike lane work is in association with the Avenue B/North Alamo bike lanes. Access to local traffic and businesses will be maintained. Public Works Department will continue to communicate any changes or updates to Council Districts 1 & 2 and City Council District staff, surrounding businesses and residents as well on all social media platforms.

### SAN ANTONIO NEIGHBORS TOGETHER, OCTOBER 4

San Antonio Neighbors Together, formerly known as National Night Out, is an event focused on fostering local police-community relationships, connecting neighborhoods with key city departments, providing crime prevention tips, and enabling the opportunity for everyone to get more involved in their neighborhoods and community. The MPNA is encouraging neighbors to participate by hosting their own events and registering them with the SA Police Dept. [www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/Neighbors-Together#300014298-events](http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/Neighbors-Together#300014298-events) Host a bike ride, a BBQ, a school supply drive, & more! Stay tuned to next month's newsletter & Facebook for more info.

**SUMMER LANDSCAPES IN MAHNCKE PARK**

You may be wondering, "What can I plant that will provide colorful flowers in summer's heat?" A trip around our neighborhood reveals many wonderful examples. Take a look see and be inspired.

At 443 and 435 Natalen Ave. you will see an effective combination of Yellow Roses, Orange Mexican Honeysuckle, and Purple Society Garlic in very narrow spaces. While at 342 Claremont you will find flowerbeds of White Vincas, which always do well with a little care, striking Purple Fountain Grass, Agapanthus with its exotic purple flowers, Yellow Sunflowers, and Foxtail Ferns – all create good effect.

Go by 347 Victor, diagonally across the street from Gene Flores Park on Westgate. There you will find a handsome landscape with many blooming flowers: a huge bed of Yellow Sunflowers, a beautiful Crepe Myrtle, many Red Yuccas, clusters of tried-and-true Blue Plumbago, a colorful Bougainvillea enjoying the heat, and lovely white blooms of Blackfoot Daisies surrounded by Purple Heart alongside the sidewalk.

Take a look on the north side of Elmhurst Ave., between 427 and 435. Enjoy the native grasses blowing in the breeze, a nice display of Blue Plumbago, and lots of Pride of Barbados with its brilliant orange & yellow blossoms - perhaps the most striking example of local summer color. Thoughtfully placed Roses, Salvia, and two large Sago Palms at the same property – plus shade from a Texas Mountain Laurel – create a most pleasant and successful summer landscape.

The Mahncke Park Community Garden next to 344 Funston Place has a beautiful flowerbed near the sidewalk featuring Zinnias in multiple colors, Yellow Sunflowers, and Orange Cosmos. Each of these flowers thrive in summer's heat and the Community Garden's volunteers have created one of our neighborhood's most colorful displays. Similarly, the front yard at 326 Pershing Ave. features Orange Cosmos, Yellow Cosmos, and an abundance of Zinnias – all of which have re-seeded themselves for years. This property also features Purple Lantana, White Lantana, Yellow Esperanza, Pride of Barbados, and the orange tubular flowers of Mexican Honeysuckle. A red-blooming, antique rose there laughs at the heat.

Be inspired by our neighbors' successful summer landscapes. The best time for planting in San Antonio is autumn as this enables roots to establish prior to spring and summer's hot weather. Also, SA Water System offers coupons and incentives to encourage the use of heat tolerant plants, plus a free newsletter with gardening tips.

Visit <https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com>

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**LIONS FIELD ADULT CENTER – 210-207-5380**

Lion's Field Center is a city-owned property managed by the SA Parks Dept. In addition to providing meeting space for a variety of organizations (including the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association), a variety of events and activities are conducted at the site, which is located at 2809 Broadway. Some upcoming events include:

**No Cost CPR.** Adult, child, & infant CPR as well as AED and what to do if someone is choking. No certificate provided.  
August 19, 12noon – 2:30pm

**Senior State Fair.** Celebrate Senior Citizens Day with state fair themed food & games.  
August 22, 12noon – 1:30pm

**Annual Art Show & Open House.** Bring a friend & share the beauty of Lion's Field's annual art show. Light refreshments served. Artwork will be displayed through September 30.

**SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. He attended last month's MPNA meeting and had no significant criminal activity to report; however, he strongly encouraged neighbors to ALWAYS lock their car doors. Citizens frequently report theft of items from unlocked cars – a crime of opportunity for a lazy criminal.

Officer Juan Hernandez' duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm. Contact him regarding concerns of illegal activity or to request a "patrol by" of your property while out of town.

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