



MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood
Association
Established 1979

JANUARY 2023

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature a presentation on **Miraflores**, the lovely & mysterious park space on the edge of Brackenridge Park and alongside Hildebrand Avenue. Anne Elise Urrutia will speak about Miraflores, its history, her great-grandfather who built it, and her new book on the subject.

Come learn more of our neighborhood's history.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 7PM, LIONS FIELD CENTER

MAHNCKE PARK WILDFLOWERS

The neighborhood tradition of sowing wildflower seeds in Mahncke Park is alive and well. The following neighbors (and neighbors' guests) spread two pounds of native wildflower seeds on December 11:

Tim Duda, Queen Anne Court
Steve Amberg, Allensworth Street
Ric Minks, Parland Place
Mary Yturri, Thorman Place
Ruben Lopez, Rachel Sorenson & Hadrian Lopez, Allensworth Street
Emily Baker, Rosa & Ashwin Mehta, Elmhurst Avenue
Neil, Ellie & Eve Gabrielson, Elmhurst Avenue
Jessie Chadwick, Parland Place
Camis Milam, Davis Court
Ben Milam, South Africa
Karen Wilson, Near Rittiman Road
Bruce Martin, Pershing Avenue

As you visit the park in the spring, watch for butterflies and other pollinators enjoying the following blooming wildflowers which were planted last month: Bluebonnet, Indian Blanket (State Flower of OK), Black-Eyed Susan, Prairie Coneflower, Clasp Coneflower, Lemon Mint, Mexican Hat, Plains Coreopsis.

Thanks to all volunteers for contributing their time to improve our park and our community.

THE BACKBONE OF MAHNCKE PARK

In addition to the work of Area Captains and Block Captains distributing monthly newsletters, some newsletters are mailed. We are extremely grateful to Susan Geery of Natalen Street for mailing the MPNA's monthly newsletters. Thank you, Susan, we appreciate your willingness to dedicate time on behalf of our neighborhood!

PUBLICATION NOTE

The printing of this newsletter is supported by the Circle School, 217 Pershing Ave. thecircleschool.org
The Circle School is a good neighbor and their generosity and support is very much appreciated.

SWANKY MAHNCKE RETURNS JANUARY 7

Yes, it's true – the Swanky Mahncke Party is back. Join us Saturday, January 7 from 7:30pm – 10pm at Commonwealth Coffee, 118 Davis Ct. Come in your best flapper dresses and bowties in keeping with our Roaring 1920s theme. Enjoy finger foods, live music, and discounted beer, wine, & champagne. San Antonio Singer-Songwriter-Guitarist Lacy Brinson will provide entertainment. (Find out more about her at lacybrinson.com.)

Thanks to Commonwealth Coffee for providing the venue and discounted drinks, and thanks to Lacy Brinson for being part of Swanky Mahncke.

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ric Minks submitted the following report:

Still struggling in the garden with the severe drought; San Antonio's average rainfall is approximately 30". This year's rainfall was 11.53". Our winter crop of vegetables were looking good, however, they were depleted by the harsh, 16 degree weather during the Christmas weekend. New Year's Drum Circle welcomed 2023 on Sunday, January 1.

Spring Garden Party is in the planning stages with an April date to be determined.

Garden volunteers are always welcome the second Saturday of each month – our next work day is January 14 at 10am.

RANCH MOTEL PROJECT

Observant neighbors have noticed construction work on the Ranch Motel at 3101 Broadway starting and stopping over the past several years. And have noticed it restarting last month. The new owner/developer of the Ranch Motel also owns the adjacent, 1 acre site which was the former home of Kiddie Park.

In 2018, the City's Office of Historic Preservation and the Historic & Design Review Commission approved the previous owner's plan to demolish a portion of the motel to add vehicle access to/from Avenue B, but the work was never completed.

The current effort to reimagine the 1948 motel as a "boutique motel hotel" includes upgrades to the 26 rooms, installation of a swimming pool, and a redesigned landscaped. The former Kiddie Park property may be utilized as a site for food trucks.

A portion of the above information was provided from a November article in the San Antonio Report.

HOLIDAY PARTY A WONDERFUL SUCCESS

The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) Holiday Party & Potluck Dinner held Saturday, December 10 at The Cottage Pub, 3810 Broadway was a delightful and wonderful success. A wide variety of delicious savory and sweet dishes were enjoyed by the many adults and numerous children in attendance. The Cottage Pub generously provided a private dining room for our gathering. We appreciate neighbors Phil & Gina & The Cottage Pub for sponsoring this year's MPNA Holiday Party.

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE MAHNCKE PK EVEN BETTER?

I know I live in a great neighborhood, but even Mahncke Park is not perfect. Here are some ways I can improve it. Generally, they mean paying attention to my impact on my neighbors and on the entire neighborhood.

My physical space

- Within my physical limits, is my yard pleasant to look at? Are the sidewalks clear or is vegetation taking over the sides and making them narrower? Could I walk with a friend shoulder to shoulder without either of us getting assaulted by shrubs or trees?
- Do I have a neighbor who needs help with their yard and sidewalks? Could I do it or find someone else who can?
- Do I make sure to bring my trash cans in the day they are picked or the next morning, and then make sure they're stored behind the front face of the house? Do I have neighbors who could use my help taking the cans in and out?
- Could I pick up trash from my yard and from the yards and parking areas I pass as I walk by?
- Do I make sure to clean up after my dog as I walk, regardless of where he eliminates, whether it is in a yard or in the scruffy area next to a parking lot?
- Do I pay attention to where I park, making sure I don't block sidewalks and park only on the driveway? If I park on the street, do I take care not to block driveways?
- Do I pay attention to the volume of my television or speakers or car or bike or lawn mower, making sure not to disturb my neighbors, especially late at night or early in the morning?

Welcoming Newcomers

- Do I introduce myself to people new to the block? Could I take them a snack and let them know where important services and businesses are nearby?
- Could I host a backyard gathering, making sure to invite new neighbors?
- Do I make sure they get a newsletter, perhaps by being a Block Captain and taking a few minutes every month to make sure everyone on my block gets one?

Checking on Others

- Are there people in my immediate neighborhood that may need help with basics, like food or lifting heavy things? Do I pay attention to Code Compliance issues like improperly-parked cars or construction, making sure that there are permits for that work?

Finally, do I get out and enjoy the green spaces in the neighborhood? It's good for me and good for Mahncke Park.

SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. 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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210-218-6939, cell, 210-207-7413, Central Substation

NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATOR

Ms. Cynthia Santana is the City of San Antonio's new Code Enforcement Investigator assigned to our area. She may be contacted via email or phone.

210-394-2544 Cynthia.santana@sanantonio.gov

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Renew your MPNA Membership!

Doing so can be done easily online and renewing now ensures your membership is current for 2023.

On left is QR code to MPNA PayPal enabling you to pay electronically. On right is QR code for membership form allowing you to complete form online.



But you also do it the old-fashioned way and complete the form below, then mail form with check to the MPNA via the United States Postal Service. You remember them. . .

2023 MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP	
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