

MAHNCKE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD
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MAY 2023

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature Leon Ruttley, the Volunteer and Education Manager at Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation. He will share the history of WRR, important information on co-existing with urban wildlife, and what it takes to become a volunteer.

MAY 16, 7pm, LION'S FIELD CTR, 2809 BROADWAY

CARNAHAN STREET FESTIVAL

Carnahan Street residents are hosting a block party on Saturday, May 13 from 5-10pm, and they have generously extended an invitation to all Mahncke Park residents. This family & pet friendly gathering will occur in the 300 block of Carnahan Street. Live music and food trucks will be featured. Bring your own beverages and lawn chairs to enjoy the summer fun. NOTE: Vehicles are to be off Carnahan Street between Avenel and N. New Braunfels from 5-10pm May 13.

EASTER EGG HUNT HOPPING SUCCESS

Dozens of energetic kiddos hunted for Easter eggs early on Saturday April 8 in Clover Lawn Pocket Park (between Thorman Place and Allensworth Street). Paul "Daddy Rabbit" Vaughn of Thorman Place managed the memorable morning. He was ably supported by Egg Marshals Leila Dow, Colt Dow, and Luke Dow (all of Thorman Place), who cunningly hid an abundant supply of the plastic chicken embryos supplied by Ruth Rodriguez of Thorman Place. Much sought after "prize eggs" were particularly popular with some containing US currency (\$1 coins and exceptionally crisp \$2 bills). Thanks to all that generously donated items to fill the eggs. Sophia, Cindy, and Joe Reidigger of Carnahan Street tackled egg stuffing duty, and a salute with extra special thanks to the unstoppable Liz Kish of Natalen Street for creating, planning and organizing this successful day.

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY

The Mahncke Park Annual Spring Garden Party held on Saturday, April 8 was a most wonderful success. On what was quite possibly the most perfect weather of 2023, the Community Garden on Funston Place hosted a steady stream of guests drawn to the Plant Sale, Home & Garden Item Sale, Bake Sale, kid's activities, garden tours, and the mobile Pizza Oven.

Meanwhile across the street in Mahncke Park, observant neighbors were pleased to see wildflowers blooming – albeit much later than usual due to our very dry fall and winter. Spring showers were appreciated by the variety of wildflowers and the many pollinators they attracted.

What a great neighborhood!

BULKY ITEM COLLECTION COME AND GONE

Another example of your municipal tax dollars at work was on display last month as the City's Solid Waste Management Department's curbside collection of bulky items in our neighborhood began and was completed during the week of April 24. Unfortunately, some property owners placed items outside after April 24 and missed being collected, which could "result in fines of up to \$2,000 per day and/or collection costs invoiced to property."

Observant neighbors noticed a smaller volume of items set out for collection last month than in previous years. Pickers were spotted studying piles for treasures or possibly items for resale.

Did you notice the following items?

Desk chair,
Pet carrier,
Brown sofa,
Plastic slide,
Box springs,
Portable TV,
Chicken wire,
Metal gutters,
Roof shingles,
Soaker hoses,
Oscillating fan,
Picture frames,
Baby car seats,
Rugs and carpet,
2 bikes & 3 trikes,
Pink Stratolounger,
Plastic flower pots,
White plastic chairs,
Abundant Styrafoam,
White Adirondack chair,
Pool table without legs,
Black, matching bedside tables,
La-Z-Boy recliners (1 black, 1 tan),
Multiple mattresses in multiple sizes,
Lumber of various dimensions and lengths,
In-ground goldfish pond (fish not included).

N. NEW BRAUNFELS AVENUE GETS THE TREATMENT

Work repairing damaged asphalt on N. New Braunfels Avenue was completed in April from Eleanor Avenue to Burr Road as part of the City's 2023 Infrastructure Management Plan. The "microsurface preservation treatment" cost \$205,322.31 and was completed in less than five days. According to the City's Public Works Dept., the purpose is to extend the life and usability of the street without major repairs or reconstruction. Paint to identify crosswalks, center lines, and bike lanes had not been completed as of May 1.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

May 6, Saturday, is Election Day for San Antonio Mayor and City Council positions.

NOTE: Last month’s MPNA meeting at Lion’s Field Center featured a District 2 City Council Candidate Forum. Steve Amberg of Allensworth Street served as moderator and was supported by Chris Castillo of Queen Anne Court. All 10 candidates were invited to attend several weeks in advance.

Candidate Name	Occupation	MPNA Candidate Forum, April 18
Rose Requenez Hill	Housewife	Attended
Edward Earl Giles	Care Provider	Attended
Patrick Jones	Pastor	Attended
Carla Walker	Retired	Did not attend
Jalen McKee-Rodriguez	City Councilman	Attended
Denise McVea	Investigative Journalist	Attended
James M. Guild	Consultant	Did not attend
Michael John Good	Logistics Specialist	Did not attend
Wendell Carson	Educator	Did not attend
Denise Gutierrez	Businesswoman/ Advocate	Attended

ART IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Witte Museum is hosting a show highlighting work of the San Jose Tile Workshops, which operated in San Antonio from 1930s into the 1970s. The show features multiple artists and the techniques behind the workshop’s highly collectible ceramics.

Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway, wittemuseum.org

NOTE: Admission is free on Tuesdays 3pm – 6pm.

SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. Officer Juan Hernandez’ duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm. He regularly attends the MPNA’s monthly meetings and provides information regarding illegal activity. Contact him regarding concerns 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

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE

The Code Enforcement Officer for our area of San Antonio is Cynthia Santana. She regularly attends the MPNA’s monthly meetings and is responsive to issues of concerns within our neighborhood.

Cynthia.Santana@sanantonio.gov

210-394-2544, Development Services Dept.

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LION’S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY

Lion’s Field Center is operated by the SA Parks Department and offers a variety of classes, including art, music, and exercise. Call 210-207-5380 to learn more.

The MPNA appreciates Lion’s Field staff for hosting our monthly meetings for over 40 years.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Today would be a really wonderful day to renew your MPNA Membership. Just getting that off your “to do” list will make you feel so much better. To say nothing of how good you will feel supporting community activities such as annual wildflower seed planting, Easter Egg Hunts, Candidate Forums, and monthly newsletter. QR code to MPNA PayPal enables you to pay easily & electronically. Or complete printed form below and mail with check payable to MPNA. Thanks!



2023 MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to homeowners, renters, property owners, businesses or anyone having an interest in our area. Dues are \$10 per household & \$5 for retired neighbors per year. Non-resident dues are \$20 to help cover postage costs.

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