

MAHNCKE PARK

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting on Tuesday, August 15 will feature Tim Morrow, CEO of the San Antonio Zoo. Come learn of the many changes at the zoo and what is planned going forward. An excellent opportunity to find out more about one of our Brackenridge Park neighbors.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 7pm
LION'S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY**

LAMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 15

Neighbors are reminded that Lamar Elementary School students return to classes Tuesday, August 15. Please be alert when driving near school zones to observe speed limits and watch for enthusiastic kiddos crossing the street.

We are fortunate to have multiple schools in our neighborhood – Circle School, Acorn School, Lamar Elementary, and University of the Incarnate Word.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: 115 MILTON ST.

The property owner of 115 Milton Street has requested multiple variances from the City's Zoning Board of Adjustment. The issue involves the new three story, 2-unit residence under construction on the west side of Milton St. between Claremont Ave. and Natalen St. The property was originally part of the lot at 154 Claremont. The owner re-platted the property to create a separate lot (115 Milton St.) from the rear portion of 154 Claremont.

The owner is requesting variances to the following Mahncke Park Neighborhood Conservation District standards:

1. 15' limit to width of curb cuts for driveways,
2. Limit of one curb cut per 50' of lot frontage,
3. Requirement to provide parking for 2 cars for each dwelling unit,
4. Requirement for 4' separation of sidewalk from driveway.

If approved, the variances would allow head-in parking for 4 cars in front of the Milton St. structure.

The MPNA Land Use Committee (LUC) met with the property owner on July 18, 2023. Following its meeting, the LUC recommended the MPNA Board of Directors object to each of the requested variances. The MPNA Board voted to object. The variance requests will be considered by the Board of Adjustment on August 7, 2023 in the City's Development & Business Services Center at 1901 S. Alamo St., beginning at 1pm.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,812,088

Broadway Street construction between downtown (Houston Street) and the IH35 overpass continues. The following status report was prepared by the Public Works Dept. and forwarded by the City Council District 2 Office:

Contractor Sundt Construction continues roadway reconstruction on the Broadway Corridor Lower Segment (E. Houston St. to IH-35) Project and bike lane work on the Avenue B and N. Alamo Street Bike Lane Project.

- Broadway & E. Jones Intersection.
The intersection is opened to northbound and southbound traffic. Eastbound and westbound traffic remains closed through August 2023 for CPS electrical overhead to underground conversion.
- Broadway (Brooklyn to Roy Smith).
Through August 2023, westside roadway reconstruction, including curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and pavers.
- Broadway (E. Jones to Roy Smith).
August 2023 through September 2023, CPS duct bank work continues. Two-way traffic northbound and southbound is open and will be maintained while work on the west side of Broadway occurs.
- Avenue B, McCullough, and N. Alamo.
Bike lane work continues with installation of bike lane dividers.
- Broadway (Brooklyn to Pecan).
Reconstruction work is planned to start as early as September 2023. Updates to be provided prior to construction.

Project Milestones / Completed Items:

Lower Broadway:

- AT&T installations completed
- SAWS water completed
- SAWS sewer completed
- CPS network installation

Avenue B & North Alamo bike lanes:

- Traffic has been converted to a permanent southbound one-way traffic on Avenue B.
- Tree and landscaping completed.
- Signage completed.

Work is associated with the \$42 million, 2017 Bond Project. Businesses and residents have sidewalk and parking lot accessibility. Bike lane work is in association with the Avenue B/North Alamo bike lanes. Construction began July 2020 and will be substantially complete by Summer 2024. For project updates please see the following website link: <https://saspeakup.com/LowerBroadway>

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,812,088A

Residents were pleased to see lane striping and crosswalks applied in June to the freshly repaved portion of N. New Braunfels between Eleanor Avenue and Burr Road. Unfortunately, stripes for bike lanes on both sides of N. New Braunfels have not reappeared. When questioned about a timeline for bike lanes to be restriped, the City reported somewhat vaguely "The city is potentially redesigning those bike lanes and there is no estimated time." Efforts to learn details from the Transportation Dept. have been less than fruitful.

MPNA LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN & MEN

Persons interested in volunteering to serve on the MPNA's Board of Directors may email info@mahnckepark.org The MPNA conducts an annual election of board members at its monthly meeting each November for terms that begin in January. Terms are for one year with board members limited to two consecutive terms. Serving as a board member is a valuable contribution you can make to your neighborhood. Please consider doing so.

SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN

One of San Antonio's premier institutions is right in our own backyard – the Botanical Garden is easy to enjoy in the summer as they open at 8am, and Wednesdays they remain open until 9pm. With a mission of "enriching lives through plants and nature," the BG welcomed nearly 300,000 visitors last year to enjoy their lovely grounds.

In addition to the return in November of the Lightscape extravaganza during the winter holiday season, their big exhibit called Imaginary Worlds: Once Upon a Time will be available through January. Created in Canada by Mosaiculture Internationales de Montreal, the display is "an intricate horticultural exhibition, featuring larger-than life botanical sculptures, bringing to life fantastical creatures and characters from dragons to mermaids."

For those who love numbers, here are a few. The City of San Antonio donated \$1.2 million last year to the Botanical Garden, slightly less than the income from Lightscape, which was \$1.5 million. The Botanical Garden has 11,000 members. The staff have responsibility for caring for acres of plants, including 42 endangered and rare plants. Sometime this year, or perhaps several times, plan to enjoy our backyard treasure, the SA Botanical Garden.

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LION'S FIELD CENTER – 2809 BROADWAY

Lion's Field Center is operated by the SA Parks Department and hosts a variety of classes, including art, music, and exercise. Call 210-207-5380 to learn more. Here are two important presentations open to the community:

Aug. 16, 12noon. ESTATE PLANNING.

Attorney Brennen Boze will share important information about estate planning.

Aug. 28, 12:30pm. SOCIAL SECURITY.

Martin Diaz, Public Affairs Specialist from the Social Security Administration, will present a variety of topics of interest.

These valuable presentations are free and open to all in the neighborhood.

We appreciate Lion's Field Center staff allowing the MPNA to hold our monthly meetings at their handsome and convenient facility for over 30 years.

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 concerns from within our neighborhood.

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210-394-2544, Development Services Dept.

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