

MAHNCKE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
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JANUARY 2025

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature a presentation regarding efforts to create a Greenway Hike & Bike Trail from Brackenridge Park to Austin. Specifically, SA River Authority will discuss work to be done in Brackenridge Park and on Incarnate Word University campus. Join us as we learn of this exciting effort.

JANUARY 21, TUESDAY, 7pm
LION'S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY

WILDFLOWER SEED PLANTING SUCCESSFUL

Neighbors gathered on Sunday, December 15 to spread wildflower seeds in Mahncke Park. George Grimes and Ric Minks (Parland Place), Ruth Rodriguez and Paul Vaughn (Thorman Place), Emily Baker, Rosa and Ashwin Mehta (Elmhurst Avenue), Liz, Orion, and Cora Kish (Carnahan Avenue), Carlynn Ricks and Bruce Martin (Pershing Avenue) volunteered their time.

Senior Horticulturist Amanda Wielgosh of the Parks Dept. kindly supplied 5 lbs of native wildflower seed to be spread in Mahncke Park, and the Parks Dept.'s Andre Dyer generously loaned tools in support of the volunteer effort. Seeds planted included Prairie Clover, Lemon Mint, Black-Eyed Susan, Coreopsis, Indian Blanket, Coneflower, Bundleflower, Basketflower, Butterfly Weed, Scarlet Sage, Bluebonnet, & Cutleaf Daisy.

This annual effort began in 1992 as a memorial to a Funston Place neighbor and now serves as a means to honor deceased neighbors & family members. Sowing native wildflower seeds helps restore our park's natural habitat, providing an important food source for pollinators, including butterflies and hummingbirds. And this year – as in most years – rain came the day after the seeds were sown.

SCHOOL DISTRICT EFFORT RE: CLOSED SCHOOLS

The SAISD is again inviting neighbors to participate in a survey about repurposing former school campuses that were closed last year – including Lamar Elementary, 201 Parland Place. Use link below to complete the survey:

https://saisd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0UsvrZWP4ghsx5Y

Also, SAISD is seeking volunteers to serve as "Facilities Repurposing Ambassadors." Ambassadors will receive paper surveys to distribute and collect. Also, flyers will be provided to share within the neighborhood, as well as with organizations and businesses. Interested persons may call SAISD at 210-554-2662 or email facilitiesrepurposing@saisd.net

"CARNIES" CELEBRATE MARATHON RACE

Carnahan Street residents ("Carnies") celebrated the Rock'n'Roll Marathon & Half Marathon on their street Sunday, December 8. The Carnies encouraged approximately 15,000 runners with signs, cowbells, high-fives, and cheers on Carnahan between Catalpa Avenue and N. New Braunfels Avenue.

Runners enjoyed the level of Carnahan's spectator participation and support, which included providing water, Gatorade, and pickle juice. Some Carnies steeled themselves against the mid-40s degree weather with hot cocoa and adult beverages. Carnahan resident Dan Lopez' rock band Hogg Shedd had planned to perform for the runners, but instead opted to play recorded rock & roll music via their sound system. Said one band member, "Fifty degrees is about the limit. Any colder and you can't feel your fingers."

Many current and former Mahncke Park residents were in December's race. Lilah Dow of Thorman Place ranked first in the half-marathon category of 'Female, Age 12-14' with an impressive time of 1:44:49, a personal record.

This is the third year that the race alignment included Carnahan at Mile 4. Previous years utilized Pershing and Allensworth Street. The race began at City Hall and meandered through downtown, north on Broadway, around the Pearl and through Brackenridge Park before crossing Broadway by the Witte Museum and into our neighborhood via Pershing. The route jogged one block north along Catalpa, turning onto Carnahan, then reaching N. New Braunfels and turning right to return to Pershing and up the hill (the steepest hill of the race) and into Fort Sam Houston, where the flat terrain offered relief as it headed south. The full and half marathon routes continued south through the Government Hill and Dignowity Hill neighborhoods before diverging from each other. The marathon course ran east along Commerce Street for an additional 13.1-mile loop that followed the Salado Creek Greenway to Southside Lions Park before rejoining the half marathon course. Both courses then crossed under I-37 at Hemisfair Park and continued along Ceasar Chavez Blvd. to the finish line on UTSA's downtown campus.

News sources indicate 2024 was the last year in SA for the marathon under the Rock'n'Roll brand, which hosts events in cities across the US and overseas. The city is planning to develop a replacement marathon event to be organized locally. Carnahan Street's crazy Carnies are hopeful the new race will run by their homes, regardless of the name or organizer.

NOTE: Thanks to Carnie Gabriel Shelton for this story.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,109,303,866

The Parks Dept. recently planted several 6' – 8' trees in Clover Lawn, the pocket park located along the eastside of Catalpa Avenue between Thorman Place and Allensworth Street. A number of the trees were planted in the central open space of Clover Lawn. Unfortunately, neighbors have used that open space for activities like soccer – when dotted with trees, the area was no longer conducive to such activities. Luckily, a calm request was made to the Parks Dept. and the trees were promptly relocated within Clover Lawn. And everyone lived happily ever after.

BOTANICAL GARDEN WALKABOUTS

During January and February, the SA Botanical Garden is providing walks with different topics through the grounds, which will be led by staff members. The walks are free with admission to the Garden and free for Botanical Garden members.

Visit www.sabot.org/calendar/ for scheduled walks.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK CAPTAINS: CORRECTION

Last month's newsletter recognized our Block Captains, the individuals we appreciate & respect for hand delivering your monthly newsletter. Regrettably, we failed to include Block Captain Jack Kennedy – he took over from Tim Duda and is one of several Block Captains on Queen Anne Ct. Thanks, Jack!

CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

Mr. Jalen McKee-Rodriguez is the District 2 City Councilman. His district includes Mahncke Park. Main Office, City Hall, Military Plaza, 210-207-7278
Constituent Office, 2805 E. Commerce, 210-207-0950.
Mahncke Park residents may contact Maria Castro directly with concerns. Maria.castro@sanantonio.gov

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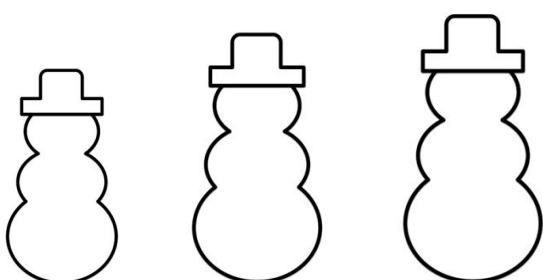
SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. Officer Juan Hernandez' duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm. Officer Hernandez encourages everyone to always lock their vehicles. Also, stay alert to "porch pirates" – retrieve delivered boxes asap. Contact him regarding concerns or to request a "patrol by" of your property when out of town.

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210-218-6939, cell, 210-207-1039, St. Mary's Street Substation, 2020 N. St. Mary's Street

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE

The Code Enforcement Officer for our area of San Antonio has changed. Until a permanent replacement is assigned, Officer Leticia Villarreal is temporarily serving our neighborhood. She can be reached at Leticia.villarreal@sanantonio.gov 210-392-5669



LION'S FIELD ADULT CENTER, 210-207-5380

The Center is located at 2809 Broadway, the SW corner of Broadway Street and Mulberry Avenue. Operated by the Parks Dept., Lion's Field serves as a popular election voting site and meeting location for many organizations, including the MPNA. In addition, a wide variety of free classes are held at the site, including fitness and art. We are fortunate to have Lion's Field Adult Center in our neighborhood and to have them host of our monthly meetings since 1979.

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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB

There are two Facebook pages area residents may wish to visit for sharing and gathering information.

This is the link to MPNA official page www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation
Unofficial neighborhood page with online community socializing www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532

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GENTLE REMINDER

Please take a moment to pay your annual dues via above form or QR code. The price is reasonable, the cause is just, and doing so will make you feel good.