

MAHNCKE PARK

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MAY 2026

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Ronald Brown of the City's Office of Emergency Management will be this month's speaker. He will present information about basic operations during disasters, as well as coordinating agreements for the use of resources, communication with State and Federal agencies, and his team's role to provide education and training to citizens.

Also, preview the SA Botanical Garden's proposed traffic and parking plans related to their holiday lights special event, which is expected to start in November.

**MAY 19, TUESDAY, 6pm
LION'S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY**

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, 221 IRA AVE.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment denied owner Tim Hendricks' request for a special exception to authorize a second non-owner-occupied short term rental unit at 221 Ira Avenue. The vote to deny was unanimous.

The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) opposed granting the special exception, and the City's Development Services Department staff also recommended denial. Attending the April 20 hearing and speaking in opposition to the special exception were Sandra Burge/Ira Avenue, George Grimes/Parland Place, and Bruce Martin/Pershing Avenue.

Mr. Hendricks is a realtor and lives in Austin. His permit authorizing 221 Ira to operate as a single short term rental unit (Air BnB) expires October 15, 2026.

NOTE: There are 3,313 authorized short term rental units in San Antonio; 616 in City Council District 2.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Clover Lawn Pocket Park on Thorman Place was the site of the Mahncke Park Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. About 25 basket-toting children had a delightful time scampering about the greenspace in search of Easter eggs. Organized by the unstoppable Elizabeth Kish/Carnahan Ave. with support from Ruth Rodriguez/Thorman Place, Paul Vaughn/Thorman Place, and Emily Baker, Nirav Mehta, Rosa Mehta all of Elmhurst Ave., this traditional holiday activity produced good, clean fun for all.

PET RESCUE WINDOW STICKERS AVAILABLE

Protect your critter family members in an emergency. Window pet rescue stickers help alert first responders that animals may be inside your home. Every pet deserves a chance to be rescued. Available for purchase on MPNA website at <https://rebrand.ly/prx8dm3>

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

The Mahncke Park Community Garden (MPCG) on Funston Place hosted its annual Spring Garden Party last month, which included a plant sale, silent auction, and delicious pizza cooked on site. Funds raised will help pay the costs for water, mulch, and compost.

The MPCG bee hive, which has been vacant since last fall, is once again occupied. The new queen and her retinue were installed at the end of April. Thanks go to Joyce Felter/Parland Place, Ric Minks/Parland Place, and Bill Gage/Parland Place for their efforts in acquiring the bees from Holdman Honey, a family-run bee farm in Seguin.

More good news. . .the MPCG hosted its second wedding in April, which took place beneath the massive oak tree in the center of the property.

Rain total for April was 4.14".

WILDFLOWERS ON ELEANOR AVENUE

Observant neighbors have appreciated the blooming flowers of Indian Blanket (*Gaillardia pulchella*) along the south curb in the 400 block of Eleanor Avenue. Also called Firewheel due to its red petals with yellow tips, it is the state flower of Oklahoma.

EXCLUSIVE OFFER FROM SA BOTANICAL GARDEN

The SA Botanical Garden is offering MPNA members two opportunities to save money.

Buy One Get One Daily Admission or a 35% off Annual Membership now through August 31, 2026.

Join the SABG and use discount code "MPNA" at: <https://rebrand.ly/llj9zvs>

NEWSLETTERS DELIVERED BY HAND EVERY MONTH

Since 1980, the MPNA newsletter has been published monthly. And every month volunteer Block Captains have distributed them door-to-door. This significant effort to share information with area residents has helped build a strong sense of community. We thank our Block Captains for their vital role in helping connect our neighborhood.

Please thank your Block Captain, including:

Elmhurst Avenue: Francille Radmann, David Frost, Mary Gary, Laura Gray.

Queen Anne Ct: Mary Evans, Emily Baker, Jack Kennedy.

Parland Place: Joyce Felter, Ric Minks.

Area Captain is Michael Crane, who delivers newsletters to each of the above Block Captains.

Thanks to you all!

ANOTHER JEWEL ON THE MAHNCKE PARK BOARD

There are jewels in Mahncke Park and every so often one of them surfaces for the rest of us to see. Just such a jewel is new MPNA board member Allison Chambers.

Born in the Dallas area, Allison graduated from Texas Tech with Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in architecture, then earned another Master’s degree from Columbia University’s renowned historic preservation program. Part of her work in preservation studies involved the restoration of Mission Concepcion, a project that brought her to San Antonio, where she has been for fifteen years, working for the Ford Powell Carson architecture firm.

A Mahncke Park resident for eight years, she was drawn to the neighborhood because it is residential, part of the urban core, and does not take itself too seriously. Allison lives in one of the two-story duplexes south of the park and, noticing that many of them are disappearing, is planning a project to document that particular style of residential architecture.

She appreciates the willingness of neighbors to help - evident in Facebook requests for particular items or advice that are answered quickly. And when stray cats overran an area nearby, Allison and neighbors worked together to trap the cats, have them neutered, and then released them while making sure the cats are fed so they may be less likely to kill birds. We so respect people like Allison who identify a problem and then help solve it. We are fortunate to have her in the neighborhood and are grateful that she is serving on the MPNA Board of Directors.

MPNA WEBSITE

Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) website is www.mahnckepark.org

There are two Facebook pages neighbors may consider for sharing and gathering information regarding our Mahncke Park Neighborhood.

This is the link to MPNA Facebook page **www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation**

Unofficial neighborhood page with online community socializing

www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532

BULKY TRASH CURBSIDE COLLECTION APRIL 2026

Todos Con Biden-Harris yard sign, ironing board, desk chair (black), interior wood door with hardware, 2 microwave ovens (Magic Chef, De’Longhi), 2 sawhorses, Houston Texans Styrofoam ice chest, black tarp with metal grommets, white plastic battery operated litter box, much lumber, many wood pallets, truck tire (DynaPro 275/60R20), blue watering can, many mattresses, 2 blue plastic pools, mirror in 40x20” wood frame, area rugs, 2 toilets (American Standard, Crane), 3 battery-powered child-drive cars, black plastic flowerpots, gray plastic doghouse (igloo design), blue desk, wheelbarrow, fireplace tool set, Sears Craftsman push mower Model 1238172, y mas.

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE

Contact Code Enforcement Officer Leticia Villareal at 210-392-5669 or leticia.villareal@sanantonio.gov

LION’S FIELD ADULT CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY

Lion’s Field is open Monday-Friday 9am – 8pm. A variety of classes are offered with a focus on encouraging healthy lifestyles. A weight room with cardio and strength equipment is available. For additional information call 210-207-5380.

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
Field Office A, 2805 E. Commerce, 210-207-0950
Field Office B, 4351 Rittiman Road, 210-207-0970
Mahncke Park residents may contact Maria Castro directly with concerns. maria.castro@sanantonio.gov

S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood; his duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm.

Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov
210-207-1039, St. Mary’s Street Substation,
2020 N. St. Mary’s Street

2026 MPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2026 MEMBERSHIP

Utilize the QR code below or the membership form to pay your shockingly reasonably priced annual dues.



2026 MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Household Membership	\$10 annually.
Retired Membership	\$5 annually.
Business Membership	\$20 annually.
Supporter Membership	\$20 annually.
Non-Resident Membership	\$20 annually.

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