

MAHNCKE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

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JULY 2026

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature updates regarding proposed operating protocols for the SA Botanical Garden's planned holiday lighting event/fundraiser. Traffic, parking, signage and noise related to the November-January event have been among concerns identified by neighbors. We will also hear from SAPD Patrol Officer Hernandez about area service calls.

**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 6pm
LION'S FIELD CENTER
2809 BROADWAY**

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>

SA POLICE DEPT CALLS FOR SERVICE

Police Officer Juan Hernandez shared information at last month's MPNA meeting about the ability to access in real time SAPD's Calls for Service. By utilizing the QR code below, it is possible to view "dispatched police calls" which are generated when SAPD receives a call requesting service. Date, time, problem type, address, and applicable division are identified – our neighborhood is within the Central Division.



MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

Recent improvements to the Mahncke Park Community Garden (MPCG) at 330 Funston Place have included installation of a new identification sign, which was subsequently enhanced with a metal roof and a message board on the backside of the sign. Bill Gage and Ric Minks (both of Parland Place) finished the improvements near the end of June.

The MPCG's Little Library received an upgrade engineered by Dickie Felter of Parland Place with design detailing by Bill Gage and Ric Minks. The Little Library has a new enclosure with fresh paint and sits atop a vertical post – both were installed last month. The library serves children and adults and is quite active with an impressive range of free books.

NEWSLETTERS HAND DELIVERED MONTHLY

Every month volunteer Block Captains distribute the MPNA newsletter. Every month every year since 1980.

This month, Charlotte Anne Lucas will deliver newsletters to Funston Place, taking over that Block Captain role from Jessica Cox, who has dependably delivered newsletters for many years. Thank you, Jessica, from the MPNA and your Funston neighbors. Also, we have a new Block Captain on Eleanor Avenue – Elizabeth Rodney will begin delivering newsletters this month on Eleanor west of N. New Braunfels.

Our sincere thanks to Charlotte Anne, Jessica and Elizabeth. Your volunteer commitment to sharing the newsletter helps build the strong sense of community that exists within Mahncke Park and makes our neighborhood among the most livable in San Antonio.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,471,753

Personal or family archives are a way to capture who somebody was and the times in which they lived. Older forms of media like VHS tapes, cassette tapes, printed photographs, and photo slides and negatives will deteriorate over time. The technology they are played and viewed on is becoming rare or expensive to find. What to do?

SA Central Library's Texana/Genealogy Dept. has equipment to digitize and preserve your precious family memories. From cassette tape audio recordings create digital audio files. You can digitize VHS, VHS-C, 8mm videos, too. Their flatbed scanner enables you to digitally preserve photos, slides and negatives, as well as documents up to 8.5x11". If interested in these do-it-yourself resources, make an appointment by calling 210-207-2559 or email genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

BATTERY PERSON MAKES YOUR LIFE EASIER

You are a busy person. You have dead batteries lying around. You know batteries contain components that can create problems when they end up in the landfill. You want to do the right thing, but delivering batteries to the City's Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at 7030 Culebra Road near Loop 410 is time consuming. It is over 10 miles away. And you are a busy person, remember? But you are lucky, too. See below:

Battery Person at 318 Pershing will recycle your household batteries. Neighbors may drop off small batteries in the clay flowerpot alongside the driveway and near the front porch at 318 Pershing. No car batteries or other large batteries, please. If you see the homeowner, be sure to say thanks for this very generous neighborhood service, which helps make your life a bit less busy.

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY: TRAIN ROBBERY!

On Saturday afternoon, July 18, 1970, the Brackenridge Park train was robbed at gunpoint by two masked gunmen. After the train exited the tunnel near Avenue B, the masked men stepped onto the track, ordered the engineer to stop, and then moved alongside the train taking about \$300 cash, credit cards, car keys, cameras, checkbooks, and purses from the passengers. Several believed the robbery was a joke. Some managed to hide their valuables. The robbery lasted less than 10 minutes. The two men ran to their getaway car, a red Ford Mustang.

Ten days later, Paul E. Smith and James R. Brown, ages 21 and 24, were arrested for Robbery by Assault with Firearms. Smith and Brown were US Army non-commissioned officers stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. Both men pleaded guilty to the train robbery, and Smith also pleaded guilty to robbing the Lone Star Ice House at 3819 West Avenue on July 13, 1970. The District Attorney's Office recommended minimum sentences and Judge Preston Dial concurred, sentencing both men in 1971 to serve no less than 5 years and no more than 10 years in the Texas Dept. of Corrections prison system.

Paul E. Smith was in prison from February 1971 until July 1973. Following an unsuccessful appeal, James R. Brown served from May 1972 until February 1975.

NOTE: After the train robbery but prior to going to prison, James R. Brown married and lived at 443 Eleanor Ave.

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>

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MAHNCKE PARK ON FACEBOOK

There are two Facebook pages neighbors may consider for sharing and gathering information regarding our Mahncke Park Neighborhood. This is the link to MPNA official page

www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation

Unofficial neighborhood page with online community socializing
www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532

PUBLICATION NOTE

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Their web address is thecircleschool.org.

We appreciate their very generous support.

LION'S FIELD ADULT CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY

Lion's Field is operated by the Parks Dept. and is open Monday-Friday. A variety of classes are offered with a focus on encouraging healthy lifestyles. A weight room with cardio and strength equipment is available. For info, call Lion's Field Center at 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
Constituent Office, 2805 E. Commerce, 210-207-0950.
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
210-218-6939, cell
210-207-1039, St. Mary's Street Substation,
2020 N. St. Mary's Street

Officer Hernandez encourages neighbors to call 911 regarding time sensitive concerns, such as suspicious individuals or illegal activity.

Going to be out of town for a few days? Contact Officer Hernandez to request a "patrol by" of your property. He will arrange for a "patrol by" during each of SAPD's three shifts.

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Mr. Ivory Lampkin is the Code Compliance Officer responsible for our area of San Antonio. Contact him at 210-416-5883, RDIvory.Lampkin@sanantonio.gov

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2026 MPNA MEMBERSHIP

Use the QR code below or the membership form to pay your incredibly affordable annual dues.



2026 MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM	
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Retired Membership	\$5 annually.
Business Membership	\$20 annually.
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Non-Resident Membership	\$20 annually.
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