

MAHNCKE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

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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. Also, SAISD will share information about the future of the vacant Lamar Elementary School property. And we look forward to hearing from our SAPD Patrol Officer Juan Hernandez about recent service calls.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 6pm
LION'S FIELD CENTER
2809 BROADWAY**

PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW, PARTS 1 & 2

Elizabeth "Liz" Kish moved to Houston this month, leaving after five years in Mahncke Park. We will miss her generosity, creative energy, and easy laughter. In addition to serving on the MPNA Board, Liz organized neighborhood activities for young and mature residents, including Friendsgiving, Holiday Parties, Easter Egg Hunts, Cinco de Mahncke, and Summer Paleta Pachanga's. She also resurrected the Swanky Mahncke Party in 2023 with an unforgettable Roaring Twenties theme. Prior to departing, Liz said, "It's been amazing to be part of such a wonderful community. Thank you – I will miss you all."

Blanca Luna stepped down this month as Director of the Circle School. She had been at the school on Pershing Avenue for 26 years. Blanca enhanced the lives of many children and successfully worked to establish a relationship with our neighborhood. Several years ago, the Circle School offered to print the MPNA's monthly newsletter and that connection continues. The Circle School is a good neighbor in large part due to Blanca Luna. She will be missed.

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Mahncke Park Community Garden is located at 330 Funston Place. In addition to raised garden beds that are assigned to individuals and families, there is a planted area with some veggies available free for visitors to pick – just look for the sign south of the majestic live oak. Be cautious as this space is near the garden's bee hive and worker bees can be defensive.

July rainfall total was 2.46". June total was 5.21".

BLOCK CAPTAIN SOUGHT 4 NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Every month volunteer Block Captains distribute the MPNA newsletter. Every month every year since 1980. At present, we are seeking a Block Captain to deliver monthly newsletters on Pinckney Street. If interested, please call or text to 210-998-9898. Thank you.

LAST CHANCE 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>

FORMER KIDDIE PARK SITE FOR SALE

Observant neighbors have noticed "For Sale" signs on the fence at 3015 Broadway. The .861-acre site is the former location of Kiddie Park, which operated on the property from 1925 until moving next to the SA Zoo in 2019. More recently, following the restoration of the adjacent Ranch Motel, five pickleball courts were installed on the property along with lights to accommodate play after dark. The assessed value is \$3,001,040, per the Bexar County Appraisal District. DH Realty Partners website does not have list price.

The distinctive Ranch Motel sign at 3101 Broadway has been removed. The sign developed an obvious tilt in recent months, possibly a result of vehicle contact. Hopefully, the sign will return soon.

A new, hand painted mural has been installed at the SW corner of the Ranch Motel property and is visible from Avenue B.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,105,081,793.A

SA Water System crews began work in mid-July installing a new water main line on Carnahan Avenue. Completion is expected this month.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,105,081,793.B

Stream movies & TV for free with Kanopy via the SA Public Library. Download Kanopy on SmartTV or personal device from Apple App Store or Google Play – or use internet browser to go directly to kanopy.com. Select "Get Started", then "Find Your Library", search for San Antonio Public Library, then tap "Select This Library." Enter your library card number, click "Continue" and establish Kanopy account by entering name, password, and email. Enter "Sign Up." Then, a miracle occurs, enabling you to search via title, actor name, genre, topic, country or language. As a SA Public Library customer, Kanopy will provide you 21 tickets monthly and these tickets may be used to check out items (each movie/show will display how many tickets are needed by the Play button). Also, by the Play button, each item will display how long it may be viewed. Movies & programs return automatically whether viewed completely or not.

FORT SAM HOUSTON CANNON NOW SILENT
Fort Sam Houston bugle calls at 6:30am and 5:00pm are no longer preceded by a cannon shot.

SQUIRREL CROSSING SIGNS
Multiple "Squirrel Crossing" signs have appeared in our neighborhood, including at two locations on North New Braunfels. The small yellow signs are a mystery. Who installed them?
Are the signs advising squirrels to cross the roadways at designated locations?
Are vehicle operators yielding to squirrels at designated locations? And, if not, will said operators be at risk for citations?
Will SAPD or ACS issue citations for failure to yield?
At present, there are more questions than answers.

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>

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

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

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.

SA POLICE DEPT 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.



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.

2026 MPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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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

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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	
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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