



# MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood  
Association

Established 1979

P.O. BOX 6544

**JULY 2021**

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting of the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Assoc. (MPNA) will feature the City's annual budget process, including how to get involved in the process of sharing your funding preferences. Our meeting will be held July 20 at Commonwealth Coffee, 118 Davis Court beginning at 7:00 pm. Please use parking lot to rear of the business with entry from Hildebrand.

## **TUESDAY, JULY 20, 7 PM, 118 DAVIS COURT**

### NON-PROFIT APPLICATION STILL PENDING

The MPNA's application for non-profit status was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service in May. However, due to a backlog of submittals the IRS has not yet reviewed our application. At present, the IRS is working to complete review of applications submitted in March.

### SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN FREE FOR MPNA

The SA Botanical Garden has invited Mahncke Park neighbors to a free open house on Saturday, July 24 from 8:30am to 10:30am (visitors may stay as long as they wish, but must arrive within 2 hour window). There will be a chance to meet the Garden's leadership team, enjoy coffee/pastries, & see recent changes, as well as the Frida Kahlo Oasis exhibition.

### YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,102,605,331.A

Observant neighbors noticed a portion of Milton Street collapsed last month, and the street and sidewalk were subsequently closed between Funston Place and Parland Place via the installation of barricades. The Public Works Dept. reported the large drainage conduit underneath Milton Street collapsed, which then caused the east lane of the street to also give way. As of the end of June, the City's Storm Water Division had completed repairs to drainage infrastructure. Based on weather conditions, the City's Public Works Dept. planned to install a new concrete curb and assist with asphaltting a 30x17 portion of the street.

NOTE: The rock wall on the east side of the bridge has been preserved as part of this construction work. The wall was built about 100 years ago at the same time as the zoo and with the same rock.

### ALLENSWORTH STREET HOSTING BLOCK PARTY

The residents of Allensworth Street will again be celebrating Mahncke Day to coincide with Independence Day on July 4. Residents will be setting up a block party on the street in honor of the holiday.

Also, the San Antonio Country Club will conduct a fireworks display on the evening of July 4.

## HAPPENINGS IN THE PARK

Much has been happening in Mahncke Park, some of it good. The City has been working on the fountain. Parks Dept. staff filled it and drained it twice, then determined the copper tubing required replacement, which they did. The fountain is working, well, it would be working if water restrictions were not in place. For now, the Mahncke Park fountain has been repaired, but is turned off to comply with water limitations. We look forward to the fountain's return to full operations.

Mowing in Mahncke Park has been erratic. Earlier this spring, mowing crews hired by the Parks Dept. mowed the park perimeter and specific sections within the park, per an agreed-upon plan to maximize sunny, unmowed areas of the park for wildflowers to bloom and go to seed before being mowed. In mid-June, mowing crews were out with huge mowers cutting large, weaving swaths within the park, especially across from Lamar Elementary School at 201 Parland Place. Perhaps the mowers realized this was not the appropriate way to mow, or a neighbor notified the Parks Dept. to express concern, because after mowing and departing the mowers returned and removed the park closest to Lamar. Some sections of the park remain unmowed. Perhaps this is a new firm without experience or knowledge of the Parks Dept.'s management plan for Mahncke Park. Area residents acknowledge Parks Dept. staff answer & return phone calls and have been responsive to neighborhood concerns.

Our thanks to Ric Minks, intrepid observer, who lives on Parland Place and keeps a sharp eye on goings on in the park, for details regarding this story.

### MPNA COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEET

Our committee sign-up sheet is live! You can access it via this QR code link: <https://qrco.de/bcDsNg>, or through the QR code below. Please sign up as soon as possible. The form will be accessible through July. If you have previously expressed an interest in helping with a specific neighborhood effort, the MPNA board is working their way through emails to reach out to you. A committee calendar will be released this month on our website and shared in next newsletter.



**NEW DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCIL REP ELECTED**

Mr. Jalen McKee-Rodriguez was elected last month to become the new City Council representative for District 2, which includes the Mahncke Park Neighborhood. The June 5 runoff election between Mr. McKee-Rodriguez and Ms. Jada Andrews-Sullivan was required since neither candidate won a majority of the 8,583 votes cast in the May 1 election, which included 12 candidates for the District 2 City Council position. In the May 1 election, McKee-Rodriguez received 26.34% of the 8,583 votes cast to Andrews-Sullivan's 16.80%. And in the June 5 runoff election, McKee-Rodriguez received 63.04% of the 4,702 votes cast and Andrews-Sullivan received 39.96%.

District 2 City Council contact info:  
Downtown Office, 210-207-7278  
Claude Black Community Center Office, 210-207-0950  
Rittiman Road Office, 210-207-0970

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ANNUAL BUDGET**

The City of San Antonio is working to prepare next fiscal year's budget and citizens are invited to indicate their funding preferences via an online survey at

<https://www.saspeakup.com/Speak-Up/Survey-Details/ArtMID/27435/ArticleID/16201/SASpeakUp-Budget-Survey-2022>

**MPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Many thanks to Cora Prude of Elmhust Ave. for her dedication and service as an MPNA board member – we wish her the best in her relocation to Yuma, AZ. As a result of Cora's departure, we are seeking a volunteer to serve on the MPNA Bd of Directors; if you have an interest in serving, please contact [info@mahnckepark.org](mailto:info@mahnckepark.org)

**YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,102,605,331.B**

Neighbors with long memories may recall the days when the historic Quadrangle at Fort Sam Houston was open for visits by civilians. Those days are back. The Quadrangle is free and open to visitors Monday-Friday from 10am until 4pm. The maximum number of visitors at a time is 50 and persons entering must sign in and have their temperature taken. Access to the Quadrangle is via the "sally port" on the south wall facing Grayson Street, slightly west of the corner of Grayson and N. New Braunfels. Call 210-221-1886.

The Quadrangle was constructed beginning in 1876 and completed in 1879. It is the oldest portion of Fort Sam Houston and is built on land donated by the City. In fact, the City also donated the limestone that was used to build the Quadrangle and the tower in the center of its open area. Various animals have wandered freely within the confines of the Quadrangle over the years, including rabbits, deer, and ducks. It has been reported that peacocks have lived within the Quadrangle since at least 1898. Famously, in 1886, Apache Chief Geronimo and over 30 Apache warriors and women and children were housed in tents in the Quadrangle for six weeks after their capture in Arizona and prior to relocation in Florida.

**NEWS FROM LION'S FIELD - 210-207-5380**

Lions Field Center at 2809 Broadway is open from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday-Friday. They are offering a variety of activities - crafts, jewelry making, painting, music classes, dominoes, bridge and more.

Here are a few exercise classes now available:  
Morning Exercise at 9 am, M-F.  
Easy Movement Chair Exercises at 10 am, MWF.  
Chair Boxing at 11 am, Mondays.  
Line Dance at 10 am, Thursdays.  
Folklorico Fitness Dance at 9:30 am, Wednesdays.

For more activities, go to <https://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec>, look for Lion's Field to find all kinds of activities.

**S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officer Joel Zulaica is our neighborhood's patrol officer. Contact him regarding concerns of illegal activity. [joel.zulaica@sanantonio.gov](mailto:joel.zulaica@sanantonio.gov) 210-275-2281.

**SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Anna M. Rodriguez is the Code Compliance Officer assigned to our part of town. If you have concerns to discuss with Ms. Rodriguez, you may call her mobile phone at 210-416-5891.

**NEWSLETTER EDITORS**

Carlynn Ricks  
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**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SUCCESS**

As of June 29, our membership numbers indicate 132 unique households and 177 members. We still are working to get as many households as possible involved and work toward long-term stability, so please send your information in via PayPal or US Postal Service. We appreciate your support!

<b>2021 MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION</b>	
Membership is open to homeowners, renters, property owners, businesses or anyone having an interest in our area. Dues are \$10 per household & \$5 for retired neighbors per year. Non-resident dues are \$20 to help cover postage costs.	
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Mail completed form & payment to: <b>MPNA, PO BOX 6752, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78209</b>	

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