

MAHNCKE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
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MARCH 2023

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will address neighborhood "rights and obligations." Topics shall include:

1. A City Code Compliance representative will discuss code enforcement and compliance reporting.
2. Neighbor Taylor Watson will report on the City's Short Term Rental Ordinance, including recent changes.
3. Neighbor George Grimes will present information regarding the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Conservation District.

Please plan to attend this month's meeting.

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

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Mahncke Park Annual Spring Garden Party is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 from 10:30am - 1:30pm. Plant Sale, Home & Garden Item Sale, Bake Sale, Kid's Activities, and Garden Tours are planned. Plus, a mobile Pizza Oven will be on site.

Garden beds are being assigned for the spring season. If you are interested in a bed, email mpcgarden@gmail.com. Leave your name and contact info so you can be added to wait list and contacted when a garden bed is available.

Garden workdays are always the second Saturday of the month starting at 10am. The next scheduled workday is March 11. All are welcome to come to the garden and join the fun.

NOTE: Texas Bluebonnets have begun their spring show in the Community Garden. Come take a look!

SIGNS, SIGNS EVERYWHERE THERE ARE SIGNS

Observant neighbors have noticed new street signs directing traffic to the San Antonio Botanical Garden. On N. New Braunfels Avenue north of Parland Place there are multiple signs on the west side of one block.

SA WATER SYSTEM SPRING BLOOM, MARCH 11

The SA Water System will host their annual Spring Bloom event on Saturday, March 11 from 9am - 1pm in the parking lot of their headquarters building on the west edge of Brackenridge Park, 2800 US Hwy 281. Free admission, free parking.

There will be a variety of gardening seminars, 1,000 free plants (first come, first served), and the local chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will have for sale (you guessed it) native plants.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

May 6, Saturday, is Election Day for San Antonio Mayor and City Council positions. Early voting is set for April 24 - May 2. The last day to register to vote is April 6, 2023.

The following persons are seeking the position of District 2 City Council representative. City Council District 2 includes our Mahncke Park Neighborhood. Candidate names will appear on the ballot in the sequence below.

	Occupation	Length of residence in District 2
Rose Requenez Hill	Housewife	29 years
Edward Earl Giles	Care Provider	5 years 2 months
Patrick Jones	Pastor	60 years
Carla Walker	Retired	54 years 4 months
Jalen McKee-Rodriguez	City Councilman	6 years 9 months
Denise McVea	Investigative Journalist	10 years 11 months
James M. Guild	Consultant	4 years 5 months
Michael John Good	Logistics Specialist	19 years 10 months
Wendell Carson	Educator	10 years
Denise Gutierrez	Businesswoman/ Advocate	38 years 7 months

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS COMMITTEE

The MPNA Parks Committee will resume meeting in March. Those who previously expressed interest in participating will be contacted with meeting dates. If you have an interest in advocating for Mahncke Park, our pocket parks, or Brackenridge Park, please email info@mahnckepark.org to sign up.

FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE? YES, IT IS FREE

Individuals and families earning up to \$55,000 per year are eligible to receive free tax preparation assistance. This service is available at multiple locations in San Antonio, including St. Philip's College at 1801 Martin Luther King Blvd. and Claude Black Community Center at 2805 E. Commerce Street. For information regarding hours, additional locations, and required documents, call 211 or visit VITASA.org

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2, 108,226,095.a

Observant neighbors report Ft. Sam Houston's 5pm cannon shot & bugle call have moved to 4:58pm.

FLOODPLAIN MAPS, PART 2

The SA River Authority hosted several "open house meetings" in February regarding proposed changes to the "1% annual chance flood hazard" (aka "100-year flood") maps. The reason for changes to the maps is that there is new rainfall, land use and topographic data affecting Bexar County. The purpose of the open houses was to show property owners whether their property would be in the revised floodplain.

A portion of the Mahncke Park neighborhood is within the proposed floodplain. This area, with an irregular boundary, is generally one to one and a half blocks east of Broadway from Humphrey Ave. in the south to Pershing Ave. in the north. In general, the changes to the floodplain boundary reduce the floodplain. For example, one homeowner found her house was in the current floodplain but would not be in the revised floodplain. One reason floodplain information is important is that if an owner has a federally backed mortgage on property in the floodplain, they will be required to purchase flood insurance. Floodplain maps can be viewed at www.sariverauthority.org/draftFPM (click on the first link).

Questions? Call SA River Authority at 210-227-1373.

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY, PART 2,103,171,191

Funston Place is named for Major General Frederick Funston, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for service during the Philippine Insurrection in 1899. Funston organized and led relief and rescue efforts after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. For the years 1915-1917, he served at Ft. Sam Houston and commanded the Southern Department, the Army's largest and most important command. Funston was to command American troops in World War I, but he died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack in the St. Anthony Hotel lobby listening to an orchestra play The Blue Danube Waltz. He laid in state in the Alamo, and he is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery.

General John J. Pershing commanded the American Expeditionary Force in WWI, returned a hero, and was given the rank of General of the Armies. After WWI, Reservoir Street in San Antonio was changed to Pershing Avenue.

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SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. Officer Juan Hernandez' duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm. Contact him regarding concerns of illegal activity or to request a "patrol by" of your property while out of town.

Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov

210-218-6939, cell, 210-207-7413, Central Substation

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,108,226,095.b

San Antonio City Council passed a Responsible Bidder Ordinance in January. As a result, contractors with a history of poor work or delayed projects will not be considered for future contracts. It is hoped the new ordinance will encourage contractors on city jobs to work diligently and make good faith efforts to complete high quality work ahead of schedule in order to remain eligible for future city contracts.

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The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association was organized in 1979 and its first newsletter was published & distributed in 1980. The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Plan was approved by SA City Council in 1984. After closing in 1975, Lamar Elementary School reopened in 1985 with 285 students.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renew your MPNA Membership!

Doing so can be done easily online and renewing now ensures your membership is current for 2023.

On left is QR code to MPNA PayPal enabling you to pay electronically. On right is QR code for membership form allowing you to complete form online.



If you prefer, complete form below and mail with check payable to MPNA. Thank you for your support.

2023 MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP	
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