

# MAHNCKE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION  
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**AUGUST 2024**

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature construction work on Broadway Street. TXDOT'S Bexar Metro Area Engineer Christen Longoria will provide an update regarding the work officially called the South Loop 368 Broadway Construction Project, which is under construction and stretches from Burr Road south to Roy Smith Street (near freeway overpass).

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 7pm  
LION'S FIELD CENTER  
2809 BROADWAY**

## LAMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE 1.0

Last month, San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) Deputy Superintendent Patti Salzmanm presented the process to repurpose Lamar and the 14 other school campuses closed as part of the district's "rightsizing decision" last year. Salzmanm emphasized the district has committed to the following:

1. to keep the properties maintained "in the same cadence as our other campuses,"
2. not to sell the properties,
3. not to make the properties available for any use that may decrease SAISD enrollment (ie, charter or private school).

SAISD is in the process of hiring a consultant ("partner contractor"), which will work with district staff to create a process leading to the effective solicitation and evaluation of proposals for contracts that use the school properties in a way that "continues to benefit and serve the community." SAISD hopes to award a contract for their consultant in August or September.

Regarding schedule to enter agreements with firms that will repurpose the campuses, SAISD stated their "most optimistic" estimate is "upwards of two years."

SAISD has established methods for persons to learn more about the "facilities repurposing."

Visit [www.saisd.net/repurpose](http://www.saisd.net/repurpose)

Call & leave message 210-554-2622

Email [facilitiesrepurposing@saisd.net](mailto:facilitiesrepurposing@saisd.net)

## LAMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE 1.1

Concerns regarding damage and/or necessary repairs to Lamar Elementary School's campus property may be directed to 210-354-9000.

## CIRCLE SCHOOL, 217 PERSHING AVENUE

The Circle School is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. They provide an academically enriched program for students from PreK to 8th grade. Interested persons may complete the inquiry form found at the Circle School's website to sign up for a campus tour. [thecircleschool.org](http://thecircleschool.org)

## CACTUS, SUCCULENTS & HOUSEPLANT SALE

The South Texas Cactus Coalition is hosting its plant sale Saturday, August 10 from 9am – 5pm. The sale will be held in our neighborhood at the SA Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels. Free admission. Another excellent opportunity to consider heat tolerant plants for your home and landscape.

## BOTANICAL GARDEN: NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP

Neighbors attended a workshop July 25 regarding the Botanical Garden's new master plan for the next 10-15 years. Consulting firm Reed Hilderbrand reported 44 surveys were received from Mahncke Park residents with noise the number one issue. The consultant's possible solutions included adding "green edges" to site perimeter, better manage traffic, and explore building parking structure.

The Botanical Garden staff highlighted efforts to increase communication (including hosting MPNA monthly meetings) and enhance affordability to visit.

A new survey for neighbors is planned to be available mid-August; watch official MPNA Facebook. Master Plan presentation to our neighborhood is set for October 16, 6 – 7:30pm at Botanical Garden. All neighbors are strongly encouraged to complete this month's survey and attend October presentation.

## GARDEN MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT DEADLINE 8/31

The Botanical Garden has extended its offer of a 30% discount on annual memberships for Mahncke Park residents through August 31.

Use discount code MAHNCKE. [www.sabot.org](http://www.sabot.org)

The discount offer will reduce a \$75 annual membership to \$52.50, a \$65 senior membership will drop to \$45.50, and a dual membership cost will go from \$95 to \$66.50. Use discount code MAHNCKE.

## MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

High winds on July 9 blew over the beehive shade tent, taking the beehive with it. Despite the trauma, master beekeepers reset the hive, honey was gathered and it will soon be processed. Plans are to build a permanent bee shelter.

The fall/winter season for private raised beds begins August 1 and runs through January 31. If interested in renting a bed, send contact info to [mpcgarden78209@gmail.com](mailto:mpcgarden78209@gmail.com) to get on the list.

Next garden workday is Saturday, August 10 at 9am. All volunteers are welcome.

## RESTRIPING BIKE LANES ON N. NEW BRAUNFELS

After 16 months, the wait continues. . .

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER, JIMMY LEFLORE

We are happy to welcome new MPNA board member Jimmy LeFlore. His grandfather, Col. Barragan, served at Ft. Sam Houston, so Jimmy’s mother grew up in the neighborhood and attended Lamar Elementary School. Jimmy grew up in San Antonio and went to Alamo Heights schools. Several years ago, he and his wife moved to Mahncke Park when they bought a home on Claremont Avenue, then they bought a house on Parland Place where they live now. Jimmy says he feels they have landed in the right spot and they have developed a genuine appreciation for the neighborhood.

Until retiring in 2020, Jimmy worked as the city’s public art manager. That job enabled him to interact with many neighborhoods across San Antonio, learn their different characteristics, and study how they worked. He sees Mahncke Park as the most representative of San Antonio’s core - it is inclusive and represents people at all points of their lives.

Like several board members, he has thought about how local institutions should work - and how they do or do not. He mused on dysfunctional institutions, unreliable leadership, and would like to be able to work at the neighborhood level to make progress, protecting values in the city, partly in terms of parks, development, and other areas, and partly in terms of keeping the integrity of the MPNA and making common sense decisions.

Thanks, Jimmy, for your willingness to serve. We are fortunate to have board members working to make our neighborhood even better.

BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLING (BLUE) BINS

Effective August 1, the City's Solid Waste Dept. no longer allows single-use plastic bags inside blue recycling bins. To ensure the bags can be properly processed into new products, residents may place unwanted plastic bags in designated containers at area retailers (HEB stores offer this option).

Pizza boxes? No, not in the recycling (blue) bins. Used pizza boxes go in the organic (green) recycling bins. Other items for your organic (green) recycling bin include coffee filters, tea bags, & paper towels.

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, [Council.District2@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Council.District2@sanantonio.gov)  
Mahncke Park residents may contact Maria Castro directly with concerns. [Maria.castro@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Maria.castro@sanantonio.gov)

SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. Officer Juan Hernandez’ duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm. He regularly attends the MPNA’s monthly meetings and provides information regarding illegal activity. Contact him regarding concerns or to request a “patrol by” of your property if out of town. [Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov)  
210-218-6939, cell 210-207-7413, Central Substation

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LION’S FIELD CENTER – 2809 BROADWAY

Lion’s Field Center is operated by the SA Parks Dept. and hosts a variety of classes, including art, music, and exercise. Call 210-207-5380 to learn more.

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE

The Code Enforcement Officer for our area of San Antonio is Cynthia Santana. She regularly attends the MPNA’s monthly meetings and is responsive to concerns from within our neighborhood. [Cynthia.Santana@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Santana@sanantonio.gov) 210-394-2544

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There are two Facebook pages area residents may wish to visit to share and gather information.

This is the link to MPNA Official [www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation)

Unofficial neighborhood page with online community socializing <https://www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532/>



**2024 MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

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.

Name	
Address	
City, State, zip code	
Email address	
Phone	
Type membership	Regular___, Retired___, Nonresident___

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