

# MAHNCKE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION  
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**NOVEMBER 2024**

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Please join this month's meeting - we will recap 2024, as well as discuss responses generated in October to create a Big To Do List for our neighborhood.

The Big To Do List was Mahncke Park's first public facilitation in some time to develop a list of projects to focus on. These range from "low hanging fruit on the tree" projects that may be resolved with a phone call to more substantial projects that will require broader neighborhood support and funding sources.

We look forward to sharing information collected and presenting the multiple categories of projects that residents have identified as important.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7pm  
LION'S FIELD CENTER  
2809 BROADWAY**

## PRE-THANKSGIVING NEIGHBORHOOD MINGLE

Come to our Neighborhood Mingle on Saturday, November 23 from 4pm – 6pm at The Hayden, located in the Boardwalk at 4025 Broadway. A delightful way to kick off the holiday season. This Pre-Thanksgiving Mingle is sponsored by the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) and organized by the High Priestess of Neighborhood Entertainment, Ms. Liz Kish of Carnahan Street. Beverages and appetizers will be provided to start, with additional drinks and appetizers available for purchase at \$5 and \$7, respectively. Kiddos and well-behaved adults are welcome! Please join us at this happy, relaxed, & fun Pre-Thanksgiving neighborhood get-together.

## BATTERY PERSON HELPS US ALL

Most batteries contain components including heavy metals, which can damage the environment. Batteries placed in brown, green or blue curbside totes for collection could end up in a landfill and create problems – in fact, the City of SA prohibits placing batteries in any color tote for curbside collection. But there is a solution. The City's Solid Waste Management Dept. accepts batteries at their 7030 Culebra Road site, Tuesday-Friday from 8am-5pm and Saturday from 8am-12pm. But you are busy and it is a long drive and there are many distractions in your life and your schedule makes the hours inconvenient. Battery Person has a solution and is willing to deliver your used batteries for you. Drop off your batteries in the large flower pot alongside the driveway and near the front porch at 318 Pershing Avenue, and Battery Person will deliver them to the Culebra Road site for guilt-free disposal. (No oversize or vehicle batteries please). Thank you, Battery Person, we appreciate you!

## REPURPOSING LAMAR SCHOOL; OPINIONS SOUGHT

The San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) is working to decide how best to repurpose the Lamar Elementary School campus at 201 Parland Place, as well as the 14 other schools closed as part of the district's "rightsizing decision" last year.

SAISD is gathering information and all neighbors are invited to participate in a survey about repurposing SAISD's former school buildings. Access survey at [saisd.net/frpsurvey](https://saisd.net/frpsurvey)

## NOW OPEN ON BROADWAY

Swig ("Home of the Dirty Soda") opened last month at 3521 Broadway. The site was formerly home to Fiiz for 14 months, and before that Sonic Drive-In operated there for many years. Fiiz and Swig are competitors in the "dirty soda" business, which features soda served over pebble ice with additions such as flavored syrups, cream, or fresh fruit. The concept began in Utah in 2010 and was influenced by the Latter Day Saint Church culture – historically, members avoid hot drinks such as coffee. In addition to dirty sodas, Swig's online menu includes cookies and pretzels. The Broadway location is the third Swig in San Antonio, joining existing sites on Potranco Road and Culebra Road.

Observant neighbors have noticed renovation work underway on the former Jim's Coffee Shop at 4108 Broadway, the NE corner of Broadway and Allensworth. Adair Kitchen will be an all-day restaurant with breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus. A representative was recently quoted as being drawn to the "mid-century vibe" of the building and plans are to keep its "cool, space-age elements." Adair Kitchen forecasts an opening in early 2025.

## MPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATED FOR 2025

The following persons have been nominated to serve on the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association's 2025 Board of Directors:

Scott Day, Eleanor Avenue  
Jimmy LeFlore, Parland Place  
Isabel Garcia, Queen Anne Ct.  
C.J. Van Green, Lucas Street  
Kevin Nguyen, Eleanor Avenue  
Gene (Chip) Turner, Pershing Avenue  
Erin Kelly, Elmhurst Avenue

Board members' terms are for 12 months, beginning in January. Each board member may serve two consecutive terms. Election of board members occurs annually at the MPNA's November meeting.

**ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP YOUR NEWSLETTER?**

We are seeking a new Area Captain, who will be responsible for distributing monthly newsletters to a portion of our Block Captains. Our three Area Captains receive newsletters on or about the first of each month, sort them into batches, then deliver them to their assigned Block Captains.

If you are willing to contribute 24 minutes each month in support of your neighborhood and its newsletter as an Area Captain, please email [info@mahnckepark.org](mailto:info@mahnckepark.org)

**IN THE AIR THERE'S A FEELING OF CHRISTMAS**

The Trinity University Department of Music presents its annual Christmas Concert in Laurie Auditorium on Friday, December 6 at 7:30pm. Enjoy an evening of seasonal music performed by the Combined Trinity Choirs, Trinity Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and Handbell Ensemble. This event is free and open to the public. Therefore, this delightful affair is traditionally very well-attended. Arrive early.

**S.A. MARATHON RETURNS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

The San Antonio Marathon and Half Marathon on Sunday, December 8 will run through our neighborhood. Following the same route as last year, runners will head north from downtown, pass the Pearl, follow Avenue B to Mulberry, then weave through Brackenridge Park, and exit the park via Tuleta Drive alongside the Witte Museum. Crossing Broadway to Pershing Avenue, they will turn left (north) on Catalpa Avenue, right (east) onto Carnahan Street, right (south) onto N. New Braunfels, then left (east) to rejoin Pershing Avenue and run all the way uphill to Old Austin Road, before turning left and entering JBSA – Fort Sam Houston. The Marathon and Half Marathon finish lines will be at UTSA's downtown campus.

Last year, Carnahan residents created a memorable experience for marathon participants and race organizers. The "Crazy Carnies" are planning to show up bigger this year. What a great neighborhood!

**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](mailto:Maria.castro@sanantonio.gov)

**S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. Officer 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



These turkeys are suitable & safe for coloring

**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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**LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE WALKING**

There are two Facebook pages area residents may wish to visit for sharing and gathering information.

This is the link to MPNA official page  
[www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation)

Unofficial neighborhood page with online community socializing [www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532](http://www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532)

**NEWSLETTER EDITORS**

Carlynn Ricks  
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**COLOR & CRAFT TO CALMNESS**

Every other Tuesday evening, 6pm-7pm, adults may consider a visit to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Crafting Corner, Central Library, 600 Soledad. Free coloring and crafting supplies provided. This month: November 12 and 26.

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**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	
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Type membership	Regular ____, Retired ____, Nonresident ____

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