

# MAHNCKE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION  
ESTABLISHED 1979



**DECEMBER 2024**

## NO MEETING THIS MONTH

There will not be a monthly meeting in December. Please join us for Wildflower Seed Planting on December 15 and the Holiday Party on December 20.

## WILDFLOWER SEED PLANTING, DECEMBER 15

At 12noon on Sunday, December 15, join in sowing wildflower seeds in Mahncke Park. This effort began in 1992 as a memorial to a Funston Place neighbor and now serves as a means to honor deceased neighbors & family members. The effort also serves to restore native wildflowers to the park and provide an important food source for pollinators, including butterflies and hummingbirds. Bring shovels and hard-tined rakes. Meet on Milton St. bridge. This event lasts about 1 hour. Families & kids encouraged to attend.

## HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 20

The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) Holiday Party will be Friday, December 20, beginning at 6pm at the Cottage Pub at 3810 Broadway (corner of Pershing Avenue and Broadway). This relaxed gathering brings together residents from throughout our wonderful neighborhood. Join this friendly get-together and share some holiday cheer.

## NEIGHBORHOOD "BIG TO DO" LIST TAKES SHAPE

A neighborhood "big to do" list has been created in response to input received from area residents in October and November. The list includes a broad range of topics with some achievable in the short term. To Do items requiring sources of funding will likely involve a longer period to achieve.

Items identified as important include upgrades to specific streets & sidewalks, enhancements to pedestrian safety, better maintenance of utility infrastructure, and addition of new trees at multiple sites – just to name a few. Achieving success will require a thoughtful, measured, community effort.

## MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you have not visited the Community Garden lately, this month would be a perfect time to visit - perhaps after the Wildflower Seed Planting on December 15. Or on one of the dates below, but anytime is a nice time to wander through the garden and enjoy this very special neighborhood space.

Saturday, December 14, 9am.

Garden Workday. We will be mixing compost. Come join us and learn how to create compost.

Wednesday, January 1, 2pm.

Drum Circle. Start the new year with a bang at this surprisingly calming get-together under the MPCG's massive live oak tree. Drums and batons provided.

## FUNDING FOR MAHNCKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

A public input meeting on the Mahncke Park Capital Improvement Project was attended by 34 Mahncke Park residents on November 20, 2024 at the Lion's Field Adult Center. The purpose was to hear ideas for improvements to Mahncke Park (the Park itself, not the entire neighborhood) funded by \$250,000 allocated by District 2 Councilman Jalen McKee-Rodriguez. The Councilman presented the results of an on-line survey conducted by his office. Eighty-seven percent of respondents said "walking" was their favorite activity in the park. Responses to the question "What is your favorite physical feature of the park?" were: 50% "natural state/look", 43% "walking trails" or "paved walking surface" and 7% "fountain." Survey improvement suggestions included "complete loop for walking trail," "add natural plants/trees/gardens," "reinforce banks of the ditch" and "upkeep fountain."

John Silva of the Parks Department provided a short presentation showing examples of improvements in other parks, including walking paths, outdoor gathering spaces, small playgrounds, fitness zones and lighting. Afterwards, residents' suggestions included: planting more trees - especially to shade the walking path, maintaining the fountain near Broadway, restoring the stream, and completing the walking loop with a path on the Funston Place side of the park. A consensus developed that the top priority for improvement was completing the walking loop. In addition, residents prioritized keeping the park natural and discouraged more intensive improvements such as playgrounds. Councilman McKee-Rodriguez' office will explore the feasibility of completing the walking loop. The Councilman noted that funding for tree planting may be available from another City fund, which is separate from the \$250,000 park allocation.

The MPNA Board of Directors is asking that a portion of the \$250,000 be spent on a master plan for the park, which could identify needs, as well as define management policies regarding park maintenance.

## BATTERY RECYCLING

Holiday season is also peak battery season. One of our generous neighbors is willing to properly dispose of batteries for Mahncke Park residents. These can be any regular size batteries, but not car batteries. No light bulbs, please. Deliver batteries to 318 Pershing Avenue. Walk in the driveway, look on the right for the large clay flower pot by the tree stump at the front corner of the screened-in porch. Then gently place batteries in flower pot.

## PUBLICATION NOTE

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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER SINCE 1980

The MPNA newsletter has been printed monthly since its first issue in May 1980. Every month since then your newsletter has been hand delivered by stalwart Block Captains, individuals that share their time on behalf of our neighborhood. The following is a list of current Block Captains – we appreciate & respect their impressive dedication to our neighborhood.

- Perry Court BC, Wendy & Derek Elliott
- Davis Court, Henrietta Dominguez
- Hildebrand BC, Julie Cammack
- Allensworth Street BC, Jim Bulgrin
- Thorman Place BC, Caroline Rickels
- Carnahan Street BC, Enzo Garza
- Pershing Ave. BC, Dana Spottswood
- Pershing Ave. BC, Kaylee Bell
- Pershing Ave. BC, Nicole Hirschfeld
- Queen Anne Ct. BC, Mary Evans
- Queen Anne Ct. BC, Tim Duda
- Queen Anne Ct. BC, Emily Baker
- Elmhurst Ave. BC, David Frost
- Elmhurst Ave. BC, Emilio Saenz
- Elmhurst Ave. BC, Laura Gray
- Parland Place & Bellview St. BC, Ric Minks
- Parland Place BC, Joyce Felter
- Funston Place BC, Jessie Cox
- Claremont Ave. BC, Alcee Jumonville
- Claremont Ave. BC, Tannie Low
- Natalen St. BC, Joan Whiteley
- Eleanor Ave. BC, Valerie Jeannin
- Ira Ave. & Wesley Place, Sandy Burge
- Mailed Newsletters, Susan Geery

MPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR 2025

The following persons were elected last month 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, and board members may serve two consecutive terms.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,108,285,318

The City of San Antonio’s fiscal year 2025 began October 1, 2024. The City’s budget includes for the second consecutive year a Senior Assistance Program to help seniors up to twice a year address serious code violations that a senior may have difficulty resolving. Possible conditions that may qualify include overgrown lawn or alley, tree creating hazard, and outside placement of trash or debris. To be eligible, seniors must be age 65 or older and have an active citation issued by City’s Code Compliance Division. Interested persons may call 311 for more information.

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)

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.

S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. Officer Juan Hernandez’ duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm. Officer Hernandez encourages everyone to always lock their vehicles. Also, stay alert to “porch pirates” – retrieve delivered boxes asap. Contact him regarding concerns or to request a “patrol by” of your property when out of town.

[Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov)

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

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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- Scott Day, Eleanor Ave., President
- Jimmy LeFlore, Parland Place, Vice President
- Isabel Garcia, Queen Anne Ct., Secretary
- C.J. Van Green, Lucas St., Treasurer
- Kevin Nguyen, Eleanor Avenue
- Gene (Chip) Turner, Pershing Avenue
- Email [info@mahnckepark.org](mailto:info@mahnckepark.org)

OUR DIGITAL WORLD

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
- Bruce Martin



**2025 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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