

MAHNCKE PARK

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MARCH 2025

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Join us at this month's meeting to learn updates regarding neighborhood projects and to hear from our area's SAPD Patrolman Officer Juan Hernandez.

**MARCH 18, TUESDAY, 7pm
LION'S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY**

SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

Kathleen Rubin and Agdel Rivera of the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) spoke at last month's MPNA meeting, presenting the plan for the Spirit Reach Contemplative Path which will connect Brackenridge Park with the Blue Hole on the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) campus and the Headwaters Sanctuary northwest of the campus. The ten-foot-wide paved trail will begin south of East Hildebrand Ave. between Brackenridge Drive and Miraflores Park. The path will go under Hildebrand to a new plaza and then along the San Antonio River on the UIW campus to the Blue Hole, a natural spring and source of the SA River. The new plaza will be constructed around the Blue Hole with seating and an eight-foot-wide walkway. The spring outlet will be extended in order to become more visible. The river banks downstream of the spring and north of Hildebrand will be regraded and restored, invasive plants will be removed and new, native trees and other vegetation will be planted.

Construction drawings for the project are to be completed this month. A community town hall meeting is planned for April. Bidding and permitting should take place April through July, and construction should begin in August 2025. The work, with a budget of \$10,000,000, is expected to take two years.

For more information, see the Bexar County Capital Improvements Program website: <https://bexarcip.org>, click "Creeks & Trails Projects" then "Spirit Reach." The Contemplative Path is the first leg of a larger project to connect all four major springs in Central Texas: San Antonio, Comal, San Marcos and Barton Springs in Austin. The four springs flow from the Edwards Aquifer. For information see the Great Springs Project website at <https://greatspringsproject.org>.

TAKE A MOMENT TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES

Please take a moment to pay your annual dues via the QR code below.



SICLOVIA RETURNING TO BROADWAY

Siclovia will be back on Broadway this month on Sunday, March 23 with event hours from 10am until 2pm. Siclovia creates a safe place for people to get out, get active, and to explore San Antonio through a car-free event. Broadway will be fully closed from Mahncke Park at 3400 Broadway to the KLRN TV building at 501 Broadway. SAPD will begin closing Broadway at 9am and re-open street by 3pm.

There will be six intersections throughout the route where vehicle traffic can safely cross with SAPD assistance, including E. Mulberry, Millrace, E. Josephine, Newell/Casa Blanca, E. Jones, and McCullough.

Siclovia is organized by the YMCA in conjunction with the CE Group. Questions regarding Siclovia may be directed to Taylor Knochenhauer at tknochenhauer@cegroupinc.net

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Spring Garden Party is set for Saturday, April 12 from 10:30am – 1:30pm. The very popular plant sale will return. In addition, food & drink, live music, activities for the kiddos, garden presentations, and a silent auction will all be part of this special day. Do not miss this delightful opportunity to spend time outside.

Almost 1" rain was received in February. Keep your fingers crossed for rain this month to give our wildflowers in Mahncke Park a boost.

NEWSLETTER AREA CAPTAIN SOUGHT

There is a vacant Area Captain position we are seeking to fill. If you are willing to support our community by taking monthly newsletters to seven Block Captains for them to deliver, please send text to 210-998-9898. The burden is small, the need is great, and the reward is significant.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,103,622,020

VIA Metropolitan Transit recently turned down a neighbor's request to have a trash can installed at Bus Stop 35276, located at the southeast corner of Broadway and Brackenridge Street. A VIA representative stated the ridership volume at the bus stop was inadequate to justify installing a trash can - and to instead submit a separate request to VIA each time loose trash exists at the bus stop so VIA may then schedule and dispatch a representative to gather the loose trash each time a call is received.

PUBLICATION NOTE

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CANDIDATES FOR SAN ANTONIO MAYOR

The persons listed below have filed to run for Mayor of San Antonio and will appear on the ballot in the following sequence.

Election Day is May 3. Early voting begins April 22. Runoff Election Day is June 7.

NAME	OCCUPATION	
	# YRS CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE IN S.A.	
Rolando Pablos	Attorney	5
Sonia Traut	USAF Retired	3
Robert T. Melvin	Real Estate	17
Christopher Reyes	Survey Tech	7
Jade McCullough	Childcare	10
Brandon Gonzales	Granite Polisher	23
Tim Westley	Education Specialist	1
Manny Pelaez	Attorney	8
Bill Ruppel	TDI	30
Armando Dominguez	Provider	3
Adriana Rocha Garcia	City Councilwoman	45
Gina Ortiz Jones	NA	7
Diana Flores Uriegas	Housewife	65
Clayton Perry	Retired	34
John Courage	Council Member	53
Chris Herring	Retired Officer, USAF	16
James "Jae" Melvin	Construction Liaison	9
Andrew Fernandez Vincencio	Retired Army LTC	12
G. Zambrano	Engineer	38
Arturo Espinosa	Professional Chemical Engineer	5
April Guadarrama	Retired	4
Michael "Sam" Samaniego	Retired USAF	55
Beto Altamirano	CEO	14
Robert Salinas	Auto Repair Shop Owner	25
Melissa Cabello Havrda	Attorney	50
Mauricio "Mau" Sanchez	Chief Investment Officer	1
Santos Alvarado	Retired	2

FREE LUNCH AVAILABLE AT LION'S FIELD CENTER

Lion's Field Adult Center at 2809 Broadway has partnered with the City's Human Services Dept. to offer free lunch to persons 60+ years of age. Meals are served in the Community Room from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Meals include a hot entree with sides, juice or milk, and fruit or dessert. Those interested may register in person at Lion's Field or online at <https://www.sa.gov/Directory/Departments/DHS/Senior-Services>. Center Director May Runner said it can take two working days to become active "within the system" and receive a meal after registration.

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

S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood; his duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm.

Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov
210-218-6939, cell, 210-207-1039, St. Mary's Street Substation, 2020 N. St. Mary's Street

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE

The Code Enforcement Officer for our area of San Antonio has changed. Until a permanent replacement is assigned, Officer Leticia Villarreal is temporarily serving our neighborhood. She can be reached at Leticia.villarreal@sanantonio.gov 210-392-5669

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VISIT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ON THE COMPUTER

There are two Facebook pages neighbors may consider for sharing and gathering information regarding our Mahncke Park Neighborhood.

This is the link to MPNA official page www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation
Unofficial neighborhood page with online community socializing www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY, PART 2,108,285,318

Parland Place was the location for San Antonio's All-American Soap Box Derby Races, which were held in 1940, 1941, and from 1947-1960. The races started near the intersection of Parland and N. New Braunfels, and the finish line was 1,000 feet away near Lamar School. Parland was resurfaced prior to the races and stripes were painted to define three lanes for racers, which reached speeds of 24 miles per hour.

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