

MAHNCKE PARK

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature a City Council District 2 Candidate Forum. Neighbors will have the opportunity to submit written questions and learn candidates' positions on significant issues. The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) and Westfort Alliance Neighborhood (located south of Brackenridge Street) will co-host this important meeting.

**APRIL 15, TUESDAY, 7pm
LION'S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY**

NEW WALKING TRAIL IN MAHNCKE PARK

Design & Development Assistant Gabriel Monreal of the S.A. Parks Dept.'s Capital Projects Division presented information at last month's MPNA meeting regarding plans to install a concrete walking path in Mahncke Park alongside Funston Place. The intention is to connect with the existing park path alongside Parland Place, enabling individuals to circumnavigate the portion of the park east of Milton Street via a fully accessible surface. The new path is tentatively proposed to cross the park's waterway aka drainage ditch that flows under Funston Place.

Also in attendance at last month's meeting was District 2 City Councilman McKee-Rodriguez' chief of staff Mr. Frankie Trynoski. Regarding the proposed trail design and the importance of sharing information with neighborhood residents, Trynoski said, "Shovels don't hit the dirt until neighbors are ok with the plan."

Subsequent to the meeting, Monreal emailed he will provide pricing, design, and construction details as available. Monreal said he expected construction to start in the summer and last 60 days.

PROPOSED BASKETBALL ARENA FOR S.A. SPURS

District 2 City Councilman Jalen McKee-Rodriguez has joined the City of San Antonio's negotiating team that will be working toward the possible creation of a \$1B development project to include a new basketball arena for the S.A. Spurs. The proposed location of the development includes portions of Hemisfair Park, including the former Institute of Texan Cultures building and property. City Manager Erik Walsh and District 1 City Councilwoman Sukh Kaur are also on the negotiating team.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ludwig Mahncke was born April 20, 1846 in Germany. In 1882, he, his wife Katarina, and their two daughters settled in San Antonio. He owned the Mahncke Hotel, located on the site of the present-day Gunter Hotel. He served two terms on City Council and was San Antonio's first, paid Parks Commissioner.

MAHNCKE PK COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY, APRIL 12

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.

And in related news, almost 2" rain was received last month, bringing joy to people and plants.

EASTER EGG HUNT, SATURDAY, APRIL 12

NEW LOCATION. Our traditional Easter Egg Hunt is set to occur on Saturday, April 12, in Mahncke Park, directly across the street from the Community Garden. Big kids encouraged to arrive no later than 9:45am to hide eggs. Hunt will start at 10am. After the Hunt, all can join the Spring Garden Party, which will include face painting and other activities for the youthful attendees.

Your support is needed. . . neighbors are invited to donate plastic eggs (empty or stuffed) or monetary donations to L. Kish at 350 Carnahan Street.

S.A. CENTRAL LIBRARY BOOK FESTIVAL, APRIL 12

A free, open, and all-day event from 10am – 5pm at the Central Library and UTSA Southwest Campus, the Book Festival features over 100 national, regional, local and emerging authors. If you have never been, you must go – after visiting the Spring Garden Party.

BOTANICAL GARDEN ANNIVERSARY ARTWORK

The Botanical Garden at 555 Funston Place is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. And part of their effort to acknowledge this significant anniversary is the commission and display of 12 large-scale murals throughout the grounds. Each artwork is paired with a "curated plant collection." The exhibition is titled Reflections of Nature and is now on display.

Note: The Botanical Garden is open Sundays until 8pm. Also, BG members are allowed to enter the grounds daily at 7am – one hour earlier than the general public.

NEW AREA CAPTAINS

Welcome and thank you to Sherry Spurlock and Michael Crane! They each volunteered to assume roles as Area Captains and will begin delivering newsletters to Block Captains this month. We appreciate their willingness to dedicate their time in support of our wonderful neighborhood.

FIESTA SAN ANTONIO, APRIL 24-MAY 4

Including SA Country Club fireworks April 27.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

The persons listed below have filed to run for the position of District 2 City Councilmember. Candidates 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 DISTRICT 2
Sean Hanlin	Self Employed 4
Stephanie E. Powell	Air Force Civilian 11
Carla-Joy Sisco	IT Bus. Relationship Mgr. 1
Jalen McKee-Rodriguez	City Councilman 8
Bryant Livingston	Mortuary Attendant 56
Kizzie D. Thomas	Educator 2
Sonya Moore	Unemployed 10
Rose Requenez Hill	Housewife 31

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,102,070,035

The Home Repair Fair (formerly known as the Historic Homeowner Fair) is the San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation’s **free** annual event to connect homeowners and renters with local professionals, services, and solutions for the care and maintenance of their homes. On Saturday, May 17, step inside the former John Wood Federal Courthouse Building (655 E. Cesar Chavez Blvd.) in Hemisfair Park. You may visit with exhibitors, including design professionals, craftspeople, and vendors. The event is free and so is the convenient parking.

For more information visit sarehabberclub.com/HRF

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.

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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, contact Code Enforcement Officer William Maravilla, who is temporarily serving our neighborhood. He can be reached at 210-253-0436 or via email at william.maravilla@sanantonio.gov

LION’S FIELD ADULT CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY

Lion’s Field is operated by the Parks Dept. and is open Monday-Friday. A variety of classes are offered with a focus on encouraging healthy lifestyles. A weight room with cardio and strength equipment is available.

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VISIT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ON THE WWW

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

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ANNUAL DUES, MAHNCKE PK N’HOOD ASSOC.

Please take a moment to pay your annual dues via the QR code or form below. Annual dues are payable each calendar year. Your 2025 dues are due.



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.	
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City, State, zip code	
Email address	
Phone	
Type membership	Regular___, Retired___, Nonresident___
Mail completed form & payment to: MPNA, PO BOX 6752, SA, TX 78209	