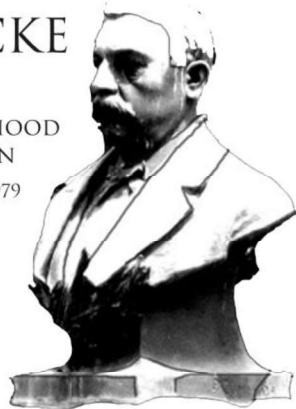


MAHNCKE PARK

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NOVEMBER 2025

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature a presentation regarding the SATX Marathon, which will run through our neighborhood Sunday morning, December 7. Learn details from the new event operator, including the revised route and how you may become involved. We will also discuss other topics of community interest and elect board members for 2026.

NOVEMBER 18, TUESDAY, 6pm*

***note new meeting start time**

LION'S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY

MPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

At this month's meeting on November 18, Active Members of the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) will be asked to vote to elect the 2026 Board of Directors.

The following persons have been nominated:

- Allison Chambers, Claremont Avenue
- Scott Day, Eleanor Avenue
- Isabel Garcia, Queen Anne Court
- Erin Kelly, Elmhurst Avenue
- Jimmy LeFlore, Parland Place
- CJ Van Green, Lucas Street

MPNA's ANNUAL FRIENDSGIVING SOCIAL, NOV. 15

We are thankful for our members and this neighborhood, so we are hosting a "Friendsgiving Social" with complimentary drinks and snacks while supplies last. Plus, special discounted deals from our host. Please join us FROM 4 – 6pm at The Hayden, 4025 Broadway.

Attendees may bring canned goods or shelf-stable food items, which will be donated to the SA Food Bank.

WILDFLOWER SEED PLANTING, DECEMBER 7

At 12noon on Sunday, December 7, join in sowing wildflower seeds in Mahncke Park. This effort serves to restore native wildflowers to the park and provide an important food source for pollinators. Started in 1992, it also continues to serve as a living memorial to deceased neighbors and family members.

Bring shovels and hard-tined rakes. Meet on Milton St. bridge. This event lasts about one hour. Families and kids encouraged to attend.

MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

The Mahncke Park Community Gardeners welcomed cooler weather and were delighted with 1.42" rain received October 25, the first precipitation since September 7. The garden's bees decided it was time for a change and departed last month, leaving their hive and our garden behind. New bees will be introduced to the hive in the spring.

REPURPOSING LAMAR SCHOOL, 201 PARLAND

The SA Independent School District (SAISD) held a meeting October 25 to allow area residents and interested parties to tour the now-closed elementary school and hear about a proposal to repurpose the property. SAISD staff stated they would answer questions about the school, but not the proposal, which is under active consideration.

Bill Haley of San Antonio-based Brass Real Estate explained their proposal plans to convert Lamar Elementary into a 60-unit apartment building for affordable workforce/senior housing with one-, two- and three-bedroom units. Tenants would be income-verified with rents based on 30-60% Area Median Income. Brass Real Estate has teamed with Architexas (a firm specializing in preserving historic Texas courthouses) and, if selected, they would pursue historic and low-income tax credits. Because of this, the school's original façade and architectural details would be maintained. Brass intends to preserve all the property's heritage trees.

As attendees were not allowed to ask questions, the team from Brass left the meeting after presenting; however, SAISD did take questions. When asked how many submittals SAISD's RFP generated, SAISD said 10 proposals for five school properties. When asked how many proposals received specifically for Lamar, SAISD's representative stated she did not know.

Attendees seemed generally receptive to affordable housing, but some felt disappointed not to have been given the chance to ask questions of the presenter. Many attendees questioned SAISD's process.

MAHNCKE PARK WALKING TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

Gabriel Monreal, Parks Dept. Design & Development Assistant, wrote last month:

"The walking trail along the south edge of Mahncke Park is nearing completion. The concrete path has been fully poured, finished, and salted. The guard rail installation along the elevated walkway of the trail is in progress; minor welding remains to be completed. In addition, the contractor will backfill soil alongside the path and establish seeding damaged by the scope of work. The project remains on schedule with a projected completion date in November. The budget is currently on target."

GOOD TIME CHARLIE'S CLOSES AFTER 46 YEARS

Good Time Charlie's at the SE corner of Broadway and Mulberry closed October 22. The popular, comfortable, neighborhood restaurant's friendly staff served good food at fair prices. Chicken Fried Steak, Fried Catfish, Onion Rings, Patty Melt, Cilantro Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, and BLT on Texas Toast are already missed by many.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD CLOSURE SPARKS CONCERN

The SA Botanical Garden (SABG) has requested the City authorize closure of Old Austin Road from Pershing Avenue to Pinckney Street until January 26 for the purpose of placing materials on and alongside the roadway in support of its holiday light extravaganza. MPNA board members met twice with Botanical Garden leadership to discuss closure impacts. The MPNA requested a third meeting, but the SABG denied the request to meet.

SABG President/CEO Katherine Trumble wrote, "At this time, the leadership team feels that there is not a need for a specific meeting on this topic. Please be aware that Old Austin Road will be closed from time to time because of specific activities in the Garden and at the Garden Center for the safety and protection of residents, visitors and staff. These closures are vetted through the City of SA, police and fire department and are generally the same every year. Based on our last conversation, we are reducing road closures on peak days to better serve the neighborhood. The Garden continues to be committed to being a good neighbor and will continue to foster good communication with the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association."

The MPNA Board will work toward a more agreeable solution.

GIVE THE GIFT OF A CLEAN CAR!

Soap Up for the Neighborhood! Sudsy Savings for Mahncke Park! Gift-giving just got easier thanks to the Wash Tub Carwash. Purchase a \$25 gift card for only \$20 and the MPNA will receive \$10! Gift cards have no expiration date and may be used at any Wash Tub location. Gift cards will be mailed within 3-5 business days upon ordering. Offer valid Nov. 5 through December 4.

Order online from the comfort of your home, office or car by visiting <https://forms.1tub.co/OJA6AL9> or use QR code below



S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov

210-207-1039, St. Mary's Street Substation,
2020 N. St. Mary's Street

Officer Hernandez encourages neighbors to call 911 regarding time sensitive concerns, such as suspicious individuals or illegal activity. 911 operators are trained to prioritize calls.

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE

Contact Code Enforcement Officer Leticia Villareal at 210-392-5669 or leticia.villareal@sanantonio.gov

LION'S FIELD ADULT CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY

Lion's Field is operated by the Parks Dept. and is open Monday-Friday 9am – 8pm. A variety of classes are offered with a focus on encouraging healthy lifestyles. Upcoming events include:
Veteran's Brunch on 11/10 at 9:30am.
Sponsor is Seniors Helping Seniors. Please call and sign up in advance.

Thanksgiving at Lions Field 11/21 at 1pm.
Gonzaba Medical Group provides the turkey, The Forum at Lincoln Heights provides the pie, and attendees bring a side dish to share.

Seniors in Play Showcase 12/9 at 1:30pm.
Our very own Lions Field players present a fun, quirky and original sequel to Gilligan's Island.

For additional information call 210-207-5380.

CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

Mr. Jalen McKee-Rodriguez is the District 2 City Councilman. His district includes Mahncke Park.

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HELLO, DIGITAL NEIGHBOR!

Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association website is www.mahnckepark.org

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

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

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

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400 BLOCK ELMHURST AVE. NEEDS BLOCK CAPTAIN

Our neighborhood has many attributes, including the willingness of individuals to give of themselves in support of strengthening our community. Will you volunteer 23 minutes each month so that neighbors on Elmhurst may receive newsletters?
If so, text Bruce Martin at 210-998-9898.