

MAHNCKE PARK

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APRIL 2026

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will feature a presentation regarding the Doseum children's museum. Chief Program Officer and Mahncke Park resident, Richard Kissel, will speak about their programming, as well as the future of properties on Broadway Street now under the Doseum's purview – the former Good Time Charlie's and Taco Cabana.

**APRIL 21, TUESDAY, 6pm
LION'S FIELD CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY**

PUBLIC ART TEMPORARILY REMOVED IN BRACK PK

Last month, a public art piece created in 2006 by local artist Anne Wallace was temporarily removed from Brackenridge Park for "conservation and maintenance and will be reinstalled this summer," per the City's Department of Arts and Culture. Titled "Glorieta," the piece consists of nine bronzes cast from slices of a large pecan tree that was cut down nearby. It is situated at the intersection of four walking paths in an open space within a heavily wooded area of the park. Children and musicians have come to the park to play on the resonant hollow bronzes so the site has become a de facto sound sculpture and performance space. For additional information and photos, visit annewallaceart.com/Glorieta-2006

APRIL 11-12 IS A BUSY WEEKEND

The Mahncke Park Community Garden's Spring Garden Party will be held 10am – 2pm in the 300 block of Funston Place. This delightful event includes a plant sale, a silent auction, handcrafted music, and an opportunity to stroll among beautiful neighbors, flowers, and vegetable plants.

Also on April 11, Lion's Field Adult Center will host Bargains on Broadway, its popular flea market set up in the parking lot at 2809 Broadway from 8am – 2pm.

The SA Central Library will host its 14th Annual Book Festival from 9am – 5pm on April 11. This free event will have presentations/interviews featuring writers from across the country and include opportunities to purchase books and clever book-related items.

On Sunday, April 12, Sicovia will return to Broadway, which will be closed from Broadway south to McCullough. Sicovia will enable pedestrians and cyclists to use Broadway without having to share the road with cars, buses and trucks. This event features free fitness classes, live music, family activities, food, and local vendors from 10am – 2pm.

FIESTA FIREWORKS, SUNDAY, APRIL 19

The SA Country Club has scheduled its annual Fiesta fireworks display for Sunday, April 19, beginning shortly after sundown.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS PERSIST

Neighborhood rainfall continues to be sparse and far below historical monthly averages. March was the third consecutive month with less than 1" of rain. In March, .27" of rain was recorded in Mahncke Park. San Antonio's average rainfall for March is 2.31".

HUMMINGBIRDS RETURN TO NEIGHBORHOOD

Observant neighbors reported sightings of Black Chinned Hummingbirds in the area at the end of March. The tiny birds have migrated north from their winter homes near the Pacific coast in Southern Mexico and the tropics.

FREE TREE ADOPTION, EARTH DAY, APRIL 18

The City of San Antonio will provide 1,000 free trees for adoption on April 18 from 9am – 12pm at Woodlawn Lake Park, 1103 Cincinnati Avenue. Several varieties of trees will be available. Interested persons are encouraged to arrive early – San Antonians love free trees.

FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING, APRIL 29

The Frost Bank at 1155 NE Loop 410 (between Broadway Street and Nacogdoches Road) will provide free paper document shredding from 10am – 12pm. This free event is open to the public – you do not need to be a Frost Bank account holder to benefit from this free event. Limit 10 bags or boxes. Not necessary to remove staples and/or paper clips. No wet or moldy paper will be accepted. Interested persons are encouraged to arrive early – San Antonians love free document shredding.

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.

PUBLICATION NOTE

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BLOCK CAPTAINS DELIVER EVERY MONTH

The MPNA's newsletter has been published monthly since 1980, and Block Captains have volunteered to distribute them every month since then. We thank our Block Captains for their vital role in helping connect our neighborhood. Please thank your Block Captain. Funston Place: Jessie Cox, Natalen Street: Joan Whiteley, Eleanor east of New Braunfels: Kara Wild, Eleanor west of New Braunfels: Valerie Jeannin, Ira Avenue: Sandy Burge, Andrews Street: Stephanie Johnson, Pinckney Street: Charlotte-Anne Lucas. From May-October, Tannie Low serves as Block Captain for Claremont and Alcee Jumonville does so from November through April. The Area Captain for all these streets is Sherry Spurlock. Thanks to you all!

REQUEST POSTPONED TO EXPAND AIR BnB

In early March, the SA Zoning Board of Adjustment notified neighbors near the non-owner-occupied Air BnB operating at 221 Ira Avenue that the out-of-town owner had requested a permit to allow a second short-term rental permit (Type 2, not-owner occupied) on Ira Avenue. The City allows only one Type 2 short-term rental per block face, or a maximum of 12.5% of residence units. 221 Ira is a duplex at the NW corner of Ira Avenue and Wesley Place with one entrance facing each street. The out-of-town owner has listed both apartments on AirBnB for several years. Of note, an additional Type 2 rental is next to this property on Wesley Place.

The reaction of several Ira/Wesley neighbors on Ira and Wesley was negative. This Air BnB property has a history of creating parking problems, including making it difficult for full-time residents to access their driveways, as well as creating challenges for curbside trash and recyclable collection. The Air BnB leaves its garbage on the Wesley Place curb – all the time. A previous, noisy, not-owner-occupied Air BnB on Ira Avenue contributed to area neighbors' bad feelings.

An unfortunate disadvantage of not-owner-occupied short-term rental properties is that policing the property becomes the responsibility of the neighbors. In the event of a fire or a fight or noisy party or garbage cans in the street, neighbors are forced to intervene – essentially serving as on-site property managers for the absentee owner.

On Monday, March 23, 2026, two Ira Ave neighbors (Sandra Burge and Rene Ramirez) attended the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, and both spoke in opposition to the requested Special Exception for 221 Ira. During the meeting, it was learned the applicant/property owner is a realtor living in Austin, and he owns and manages many rental properties. He stated he "was unaware" two permits were required for his two Air BnB units. The Board of Adjustment members asked - if he had only one permit, was he paying the City's hotel tax on one or two rental units at 221 Ira? Board members then recommended an audit by City staff to clarify the issue. The Board voted to postpone a vote and recommended the owner meet with the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association Board prior to a new hearing.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is tentatively scheduled to consider the out-of-town owner's request for a Special Exception for 221 Ira on April 20, 2026.

LION'S FIELD ADULT CENTER, 2809 BROADWAY

Lion's Field is open Monday-Friday 9am – 8pm. A variety of classes are offered with a focus on encouraging healthy lifestyles. A weight room with cardio and strength equipment is available. 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.

Main Office, City Hall, Military Plaza, 210-207-7278
Field Office A, 2805 E. Commerce, 210-207-0950
Field Office B, 4351 Rittiman Road, 210-207-0970
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

210-207-1039, 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. To report homeless encampments neighbors are encouraged to call 311.

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE

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

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MPNA WEBSITE

Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) website is www.mahnckepark.org

There are 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

Unofficial neighborhood page with online community socializing

www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

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