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## Message from the Board

By Peggy Wardlaw

### Hello Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who has paid their HOA assessments, which became delinquent on January 31st. Your annual payment of \$434.37, which is just \$36.20 per month covers the cost of numerous Encino Park amenities. These include the large pool, beautiful park and playground, tennis courts, basketball court, sand volleyball court and the Community center as well as landscaping, administration, insurance and an onsite community manager.

If you have not paid your dues, you should have received a delinquent statement which includes a \$20 late fee. If you are having trouble paying the full assessment amount, please call Spectrum to get a payment plan set up. When everyone pays their part, the assessments can remain low.

The park is open year-round and the Community Center serves as a location for many Community clubs and events and is available for rental by Encino Park residents for only \$250 for a whole day. Information on renting the Community Center as well as reserving a tennis court and pool hours is available at [encinoparkhoa.com](http://encinoparkhoa.com).

I know it's almost Valentine's Day. However, due to the lead time required for publication of the newsletter, I'm writing this in early January and still thinking about Christmas and the Covid epidemic that we endured. A big thank you to everyone who judged the Christmas lighting contest. We had fourteen families who submitted judging forms. I want to give a shout out to the winners:

**Best Lights:** 1st 19507 Encino Creek and 2nd 2138 Encino Cliff

**Best Creativity:** 1st 19412 Encino Summit and 2nd 19926 Encino Moss

**Best Theme:** 1st 2007 Encino Vista and 2nd 1711 Encino Rock

It has been a difficult couple of years and we are all hopeful that 2022 will bring health and prosperity back to our neighborhood and our country.





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**OUT TO LUNCH**



This month we will go back to our tradition of celebrating Mardi Gras at Bourbon Street Seafood Kitchen on Redland Road at 1604. We will go on **Friday the 18th at 11:30**. Everyone always enjoys dining there, and with Mardi Gras Day being March 1st, come celebrate with us at this touch of New Orleans in San Antonio. R.S.V.P. to Janet at 210-481-9956 by **Wednesday the 16th** if you plan to attend. All EP women and friends are invited.



**OVER 50 CLUB**

**By Dalia Benzick**  
Club Reporter

We are meeting during 2022 with renewed enthusiasm as we look forward to this new year. Our group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the EP Community Center. We enjoy our brown-bag lunches and dessert if provided by one of our members.

We play cards, Mexican Train, and other board games and catch up on neighborhood activities. Like everyone, we are concerned about safety and the increase in viral infections. We believe that socialization is what keeps our brain cells functioning and staying young-at-heart. All Over 50's are determined to make each day better than yesterday. Drop in and join us!



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(Recommend arriving 10-15 minutes early)

Take a picture with the Easter Bunny!



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# ENCINO PARK WOMEN'S CLUB

By Holly Slaughter

Welcome to February! I'd like to start with thanking the fabulous **Joan Raver** for hosting us in her lovely home for our December women's club holiday party. We appreciate you, Joan! In addition to the delicious food and beverages provided by our members and guests, we also held a live auction and a silent auction to raise money for the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas. I'm thrilled to announce we raised \$1,419 for this charity, which provides free services to grieving children, adolescents, and young adults right here in San Antonio. Thanks to all the ladies who donated and/or purchased items! The Encino Park Women's Club is proud to be a service organization!

A recap of our January 10th meeting, focused on women's health therapy, will be published in the March newsletter.

The February women's club event will be our usual "Galentine's" dinner, which will be held at Milano Italian Grill again this year, at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21**. We normally hold our meetings the second Monday of each month, but this month the second Monday is Valentine's Day. Therefore, we decided to postpone our event to the third Monday of February, instead. Milano's address is: 19239 Stone Oak Pkwy.

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<b>Feb 21 @ 6:30 p.m.</b>	"Galentine's" Dinner at Milano's
<b>Mar 14 @ 7:00 p.m.</b>	TBD
<b>Apr 11 @ 7:00 p.m.</b>	TBD
<b>Apr 15 @ 10:00 a.m.</b>	**E.P. Easter Egg Hunt
<b>May 6 and 7</b>	**E.P. Neighborhood Garage Sale
<b>May 9 @ 6:30 p.m.</b>	End-of-Year Banquet

## SCHOLARSHIP

If you or someone you know in Encino Park is currently or will be pursuing higher education (college, trade school, etc.), you can apply for a scholarship sponsored by the EPWC. More information to come soon!



## WE'RE GLAD YOU ASKED!

**Question:** When are assessments due?

**Answer:** Assessments were due January 1, 2022, and are now considered past due.

If you are not able to pay your assessment, a payment plan is an option to owners. Please contact the office at 210-494-0659 or you can visit [www.spectrumam.com/PaymentPlan](http://www.spectrumam.com/PaymentPlan) and click on how to get a payment plan.

The Board would like to send a Huge "THANK YOU" to its residents! At the end of 2021 the association was 98% current, and for the 2022 assessments, the association is currently at 67% paid.

Thank you again for making Encino Park a community everyone wants to be part of.

If you haven't yet, please sign up for emails at <https://spectrumam.com> to get up to date announcements of events and board meetings.

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# Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)

February 18, 2022 – February 21, 2022

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org). Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts, and you can participate from your backyard, or anywhere in the world.



Every February, count for as little as 15 minutes in your own backyard to help expand our understanding of birds.

Each checklist submitted during the GBBC helps researchers at the National Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Birds Canada learn more about how birds are doing, and how to protect them and the environment we share. Recently, more than 160,000 participants submitted their bird observations online, creating the largest snapshot of global bird populations ever recorded.

Another way to enjoy the GBBC is to share your photos online at <https://www.birdcount.org/learn/photos/>. Your photo will become a part of the Macaulay Library, the world's premier scientific archive of natural history.

Visit <https://www.birdcount.org/participate/> for more information on how to participate in this event.

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## CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Committee met the first Wednesday of January and we shared notes about our observations and safety concerns. Our SAFFE Officer reported that there has been a significant increase in family domestic violence cases throughout San Antonio (actually throughout the nation) as well as increases in violent crimes and shootings – even in usually quiet neighborhoods. So, officers remind us to be neighborly, that is, keep calm and be kind to one another especially our family members.

We had a rash of car burglaries in Encino Park in December too. Most of the vehicles had been unlocked – so, please lock your vehicles and remove anything of value you want to keep.

Also, remember posting to NextDoor is not reporting to law enforcement. Our SAFFE Officer welcomes email inquiries and reports: [joel.freeman@sanantonio.gov](mailto:joel.freeman@sanantonio.gov). Be sure to report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number (210-207-7273 or 210-335-4750).

If you are interested in helping keep Encino Park safe, please consider joining this Committee. Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Community Center and usually last 30-45 minutes. Take care and be safe.



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# Happy Blues for the Garden

By Mark Peterson, SAWS Gardenstyle San Antonio

Classic blue was the Pantone color of 2020, but I never got a chance to write an article praising blue in the landscape or offer my favorite blue plant suggestions.

Even though it's two years late, I'm sharing my thoughts now because blue flowers are cooling and soothing — and combining blue with lush green foliage just relaxes the soul and disposition.



**Majestic sage aka black and blue sage** (*Salvia guaranitica*): this Mexican sage is immediately recognizable from its intense royal blue flowers and navy blue stems. Its advantage in San Antonio is its tolerance to partial shade. It is truly majestic and may grow up to four-five feet.

**Leadwort aka dwarf plumbago** (*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*): a groundcover that is adaptable to sun or shade but does best in partial shade. It's known for its intense royal blue flowers. I like it because once established you only need to mow it once a year. Unfortunately, leadwort is not consistently evergreen.

So, here's to a calm, cool spring and summer with my fantastic recommendations for plants in shades of blue.

**Mealy cup blue sage** (*Salvia farinacea*): adapted to full sun to partial shade and to many soil types. They are a whole host of cultivars of *S. farinacea*. I favor 'Henry Duelberg', 'Victoria', and 'Mystic Spires'.

**Indigo spires** (*Salvia farinacea X longispicata*): a hybrid cross between *S. farinacea* and *S. longispicata* that can tolerate partial shade but prefers full sun. The thing to keep in mind with indigo spires is to greatly reduce water, fertilizer and mulch. Too much love will result in an out-of-control plant.

**Lobelia** (*Lobelia siphilitica*): a partial shade perennial for South Texas that requires moist soil. From the garden standpoint, lobelia blooms late in summer and into fall making it a cooling element in the garden. Note: lobelia is toxic if ingested; can cause dizziness, nausea, vomiting and heart palpitations.

**Bluebonnets** (*Lupinus spp.*): Texas bluebonnets have a two-year cycle from bean to bloom. In other words, don't expect blooms in the spring when you scatter bluebonnet seeds in the fall. We have several articles about how to grow Texas wildflowers. Most wildflowers prefer full sun and bare, unamended soil.

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