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Message from the Board

By Doug Bock



As the days get longer and the temperatures continue to rise, keep in mind the amenities that Encino Park offers our residents to help pass those dog days leading up to summer!

Pool: The pool is open and features the newly remodeled pool house. Stop by to check it out. The pool is open weekends in May (Saturday and Sunday beginning **May 13th** , then fulltime the weekend of the 27th) Pool hours are from **1:00 - 9:00 PM**, and many great memories can be made near your own backyard. There are chairs to lay out in the sun, grills ready for you to cook on and lifeguards are nearby to help keep the swimmers safe.

Park: The park has had several pieces of playground equipment added or upgraded in the past few years, and when you drive by, you can see kids climbing all over them. And now, thanks to the outside access to a restroom, as long as your amenity card is activated ahead of time, you won't have to worry about trying to make it home before the kiddos have an accident! Please know that the bathroom is for Encino Park residents with an active amenity card, only. Please do not leave the door propped open.

Courts: For those who prefer more active sports, lace up your shoes and head out to the tennis/pickle ball courts or the basketball courts. Hours of availability are 6 AM-10 PM for the tennis courts and 8 AM- 8 PM for the basketball courts. Again, your amenity card needs to be activated ahead of time to gain access to the courts. Reservations can be made for the tennis/pickle ball courts on our website at www.encinoparkhoa.com under the tennis court amenity tab.

Community Center: This facility is available to rent for family reunions, birthdays, wedding receptions, or other gatherings. Residents receive a reduced rate and it is an affordable way to bring family and friends together. Please call the Encino Park office for more information on renting, 210-497-3022.

Amenity Card: To activate your amenity card, follow these steps:

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1. Homeowners
2. Access and Amenities
3. Register an Existing Pool Card (you will need your account number and number on bottom of pool card) You will need to sign in/sign up in order to sign the online waiver.

For questions on any of these facilities, please contact the Encino Park office at 210-497-3022 or email contact@encinoparkhoa.com.



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AN EPIC EVENT

ENCINO PARK INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

May 13th- (the second Saturday of the month)

Playdate at the Park- Families with kiddos meet at the park from 10:00-11:30. Great way to meet your EP neighbors! Donuts and coffee provided (thank you Gail Lamb Realty!).



Playdate at the Park
Calling all families with kiddos! Great way to meet your EP neighbors and get some fresh air!!
Donuts and coffee provided.
Every 2nd Saturday from 10:00 – 11:30 Starting March 11

Committee Involvement



The Community Involvement Committee is looking for more people to become involved in making Encino Park an even better place to live. If you would like to be a part of creating, planning and implementing community events please consider joining the committee.

We meet every **2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30** at the Community Center. Please contact Sunny Brown at gsbrown@swbell.net for more info or to volunteer.

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ENCINO PARK WOMENS' CLUB

By Donna Morton

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

We were blessed with some much-needed rain in Encino Park just before Easter! It happened to make for a soggy, but fun egg hunt! Residents with their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews all enjoyed a festive and colorful day. Special **thanks to Gail Lamb** for chairing the Easter egg hunt. Many hours of hard work go into preparing for this event. If you donated candy or toys – **THANK YOU!** The Women's Club would like to recognize **Max Bailey** for donning the bunny suit and encouraging all the kids to "hop" on over for a picture. We also had the **help of students, Shawn Montgomery, Natalie Seal and Lili Munoz**. As always, volunteers from the **Encino Park Women's Club** were out in force to help with egg distribution and also helped to watch over the different age group hunts. Thank you, ladies, for making this such a fun event for our young EP residents and their families.



MAY MARKS THE END OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES UNTIL AUGUST.

OUR BANQUET: will be held on **MAY 8TH AT 6:30 PM** at the **EP Community Center** and will be Fiesta themed. The evening will include a catered Mexican dinner and dessert for paid members and guests. Please note there will be a minimal fee for this event. It is with sincere thanks that we say goodbye to the current WC board. Their dedication and love for the EP community throughout the last two years are so appreciated. New officers will be inducted at the banquet.



The presentation of this year's Encino Park Women's Club Scholarship will be the highlight of the evening. The honoree will present their winning essay to the club. We will also have the privilege of meeting the recipient's family. We look forward to making this a memorable affair for all those in attendance. Mark your calendars ladies!



Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you. — Walt Whitman



OVER 50 CLUB

Submitted by **Dalia Benzick**

It's May and the perfect time to honor all who play a mother's role in giving love and nurturing throughout our lives. Also to graduates for excellence and achievement and last to the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The EP Over 50 seniors salute each one and their families. Our group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. in the EP community center for mutual support, continued learning opportunities and social fellowship followed by lunch and recreation. Make your life more fun by joining us. You will be most welcome.



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Out to Lunch

Our group will once again skip a month due to travel schedules. We **WILL** meet in June so mark your calendars now for **FRIDAY JUNE 23RD AT 11:30**. We will meet at Aldino's at the Vineyard. Plan to join us! Watch the June newsletter for sign-up information.





WE'RE GLAD YOU ASKED!

Question:

We were at the playdate at the park earlier this month and there were soo many parents of young kids. We got to talking about the pool hours and were wondering if it would be possible to have a morning time at the pool? There are a ton of new families with young kids who would appreciate it, even if it were just one day a week. We could avoid the jumble of big kids in the baby area and get out there before it gets too hot. I'll gladly come to the next board meeting or gather signatures if you think this is something that could happen. Thank you!

Our Response:

That is a great question! For many years, we have had requests from residents about opening the pool earlier in the day. We have residents who enjoy swimming laps and have found it hard to swim during the normal hours and have asked if we can open earlier for them too. We have discussed it extensively and the ultimate decision for this season is to remain open from 1pm-9pm. Due to our diving boards, we have to ensure a lifeguard is on duty anytime the pool is open. We've looked into waivers and releases for residents, but unfortunately, our insurance will not allow for that. Even when the swim team is in session for the months of June and July (in the mornings), we have lifeguards on duty – something the swim team pays for. We've looked into removing the diving boards completely, to allow for a free swim, like other neighborhoods have, but the expense of the diving board removal and the mutiny of the neighborhood superceeded that decision. I'm sure it will be a conversation again when the pool season has concluded and we're planning for 2024. That would be a great time to attend HOA meetings or even join the board or be a part of the pool committee to further the conversation!



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Encino Park's Block Captain Program

WANT TO INTRODUCE YOUR BUSINESS TO OUR RESIDENTS?



The Encino Park Block Captains Committee collects items donated from local businesses to include in our Encino Park San Antonio Neighbors Together "Goodie Bags" that will be handed out to over 500 residents on October 3rd during the Block Parties happening in Encino Park on that day. Currently we have 55 of the 71 blocks in Encino Park with a Block Captain! We are a very active and strong community.

Items we are requesting can have your business name and contact information on the item, however the donated items must be "usable" items. Examples:

- First Aid Kits or Products
- Flashlights or Other Safety Reflective and Outdoor Products
- Coupons for FREE usable items or food
- Small Home Products or Sample Items
- Small Office Products or Sample Items
- Food/Snacks with clearly marked ingredient labels (to send home in the goodie bags)
- Small Electronic Gizmos
- Fidget Toys

We will need your donation dropped off to the EPHOA office no later than September 20th. Leftover bags will be handed out to new residents of the Encino Park HOA, as well as to the other residents throughout the month of October!

If interested or have questions you can email you can reach out to Daphne Sohocki & Gail Lamb at 210-901-9936 or by email to EPBlockCaptains@gmail.com, OR you can complete our Sponsorship Form Questionnaire at this link: <https://bit.ly/3AV0pNx>





Oak Wilt Reminder:

DO NOT PRUNE OAKS, FEBRUARY THRU JUNE!



CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Our SAFFE Officer, Arturo Castellanos, reports that in the San Antonio northside vehicle burglaries continue to be a problem. He advised these five tips:

- Use a steering wheel lock.
- Hide your valuables from plain sight.
- Lock your vehicle and take your keys with you.
- Park in well-lit areas and well-attended parking lots.
- Never leave your vehicle running or unattended. Criminals only need a few seconds to take your vehicle and everything and everyone in it.

Additionally, Officer Castellanos says that older people at ATMs are being targeted. Older people making withdrawals at ATMs are being watched and then followed home where they are being robbed. So, please watch your surroundings and be as safe as you can be. If possible, do not go to the ATM alone.

Here in Encino Park, almost fifty percent of the incidences in March were family disturbances. The remaining incidences were suspicious persons and one truck theft. Times are stressful, so we need to treat each other with respect and as we want to be treated.

SAPD's next Citizens on Patrol class is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 9:00-1:00. It's a 3-hour training class held at the substation at 13030 Jones Maltsberger put on by Officer Cathalina Schneider. If you are interested, please call her at 210-207-5182 or email her at Cathalina.schneider@sanantonio.gov. Classes will resume on September 9, 9:00-1:00pm.

Reminder: If you experience a crime or see something illegal, don't post it to NextDoor only, email our SAFFE Officer at arturocastellanos@sanantonio.gov. You can also report suspicious activity to the non-emergency numbers (210-207-7273 or 210-335-4750).

Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Community Center for 30-45 mins. All residents are welcome.

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PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITY



For the most part, pet owners take responsibility for their animals and are considerate of their neighbors, but there are a few exceptions here in Cross Creek community. The three major violations regarding pets are barking, wandering, and scoop poop failure!



Barking: Did you know that your dog may be barking for a reason. Barking dogs ALL DAY and ALL NIGHT is a NUISANCE to your neighbors. Please respect and consider your neighbors by bringing your dog inside if it is barking. Here are some of the reasons for barking. Boredom, discomfort, hunger. All three are easily remedied. If your dog is bored, pay more attention to him; uncomfortable, check your yard and provide shade in summer and warmth in winter, or hungry, be sure to leave plenty of food and water. Much discomfort is caused by fleas. Advantage, Top Spot, or other flea controls will make your dog and/or cat a lot more comfortable the year around.



Wandering: This applies to cats also. Wandering pets are a nuisance. Please keep your pets at home and confined for their safety and the satisfaction of your neighbors.

Scoop the Poop: Please habitually do this in your yard and when walking your dog on a leash.

WHAT IS NEAT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

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Correction:

In the April 2023 issue, we published an article about Arbor Day. On the first Pruning Tip, we mentioned painting after pruning is not needed. This is not true for all trees. In Texas, all oaks need to be painted immediately after pruning to protect them from oak wilt. Oak Wilt is a deadly fungal disease that infects and disables the water-conducting system in oak trees.

We apologize for this error and for any confusion this may have caused.

Thank you,

The staff at Neighborhood News

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Recipe Corner

Lemon Chicken


Ingredients:

- 2 lbs or 4 large chicken breasts, boneless and skinless
- 1 large lemon zested
- 4 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp salt
- Ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 3/4 cup chicken stock low sodium
- 2 large garlic cloves minced or grated
- 3 tbsp butter unsalted
- Parsley or lemon slices, for garnish



Directions:


Slice each chicken breast in half lengthwise and season with salt and pepper. In a shallow plate add flour. Preheat non-stick skillet on medium heat and add 2 tsp of oil. Dredge chicken in flour on both sides and add to the skillet. Cook chicken for 4-5 minutes on each side and transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining chicken, adding more oil as necessary. Add 1 tbsp butter and garlic, saute for 20 seconds, stirring often. Add chicken stock, lemon zest and juice, 2 more tbsp of butter and bring to a boil while scraping the bottom. Cook for 2 minutes. Add chicken back to the skillet and spoon lemon butter sauce over it. Garnish with parsley or lemon slices.



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MEMORIAL DAY Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Crawford Grand Forks Herald 2013

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|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Veterans | 5. Flowers | 9. Remember | 13. Ceremony |
| 2. Decoration | 6. Memorial | 10. May | 14. Sacrifice |
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 - o Inauguration Day, Jan. 20
 - o Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, 3rd Mon. in Jan.
 - o Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12
 - o Washington's Birthday, 3rd Mon. in Feb.
 - o National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29
 - o Easter Sunday (variable)
 - o Mother's Day, 2nd Sun. in May
 - o Armed Forces Day, 3rd Sat. in May
 - o Memorial Day (half-staff 'til 12), last Mon. in May
 - o Flag Day, June 14
 - o Father's Day, 3rd Sun. in June
 - o Independence Day, July 4
 - o Nat. Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27
 - o Labor Day, 1st Mon. in Sept.
 - o Constitution Day, Sept. 17
 - o Columbus Day, 2nd Mon. in October
 - o Navy Day, Oct. 27
 - o Veterans Day, Nov. 11
 - o Thanksgiving Day, 4th Thurs. in Nov.
 - o Christmas Day, Dec. 25
 - o Other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States
 - o Birthdays of States (date of admission)
 - o State holidays
- The flag should be displayed at every public institution and in or near every polling place on election days, and at schoolhouses during school days.

General Guidelines for Displaying the Flag:

- When the flag is hung vertically on a wall, window, or door, the Union (blue section) should be to the observer's left. When the flag is hung either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the Union should be to the observer's left.
- In a procession, the American flag should be to the right (the flag's own right) of any other flag or, if in a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.
- When displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff.
- When the flag is displayed otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out; or so suspended that its folds fall as freely as though the flag were staffed.
- When displayed over a street, the flag should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street, or to the east in a north and south street.
- On a platform, the flag should be above and behind the speaker, with the union uppermost and to the observer's left.
- When displayed from a staff in a church or auditorium, the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he faces the audience.
- When the flag is used to cover a casket, the union should be at the head and over the left shoulder.

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■ VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

1. HOME IGNITION ZONES

To increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire, choose fire-resistant building materials and limit the amount of flammable vegetation in the three home ignition zones. The zones include the **Immediate Zone**: (0 to 5 feet around the house), the **Intermediate Zone** (5 to 30 feet), and the **Extended Zone** (30 to 100 feet).

2. LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE

To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch, and deck and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet (depending on their height) from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils, and waxes. Use crushed stone or gravel instead of flammable mulches in the **Immediate Zone** (0 to 5 feet around the house). Keep your landscape in good condition.

■ FIRE RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION

3. ROOFING AND VENTS

Class A fire-rated roofing products, such as composite shingles, metal, concrete, and clay tiles, offer the best protection. Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration. Box in eaves, but provide ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.

4. DECKS AND PORCHES

Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks and porches and between deck board joints.

5. SIDING AND WINDOWS

Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fiber-cement, plaster, or stucco, and use dual-pane tempered glass windows.

■ BE PREPARED

6. EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACCESS

Ensure your home and neighborhood have legible and clearly marked street names and numbers. Driveways should be at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet for emergency vehicle access.

- Develop, discuss, and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for handling pets, large animals, and livestock.
- Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a predesignated meeting place.
- Always evacuate if you feel it's unsafe to stay—don't wait to receive an emergency notification if you feel threatened from the fire.
- Conduct an annual insurance policy checkup to adjust for local building costs, codes, and new renovations.
- Create or update a home inventory to help settle claims faster.



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Cinco de Mayo falls on Friday, May 5, 2023. While this seems like another excuse to chomp down tacos and drink tequila, the significance of this day cannot be ignored. Cinco de Mayo is vital to the Mexican culture. This day commemorates Mexico's unexpected victory over the French in the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

The conflict arose between France and Mexico when the new president of Mexico, Benito Juarez, was forced to default on debt payments to European governments because, at that point, Mexico was in a state of financial ruin. Britain and Spain sent naval forces to Mexico demanding repayment and both countries were able to negotiate new terms for the obligation. Afterwards both countries withdrew their forces. The emperor of France, however, was none too happy about Mexico defaulting on their foreign debt and responded by sending in French troops to invade Mexico.

Mexican soldiers were undermanned as the French soldiers invaded. However, the Mexicans were able to fight to victory. To understand the significance of this defeat, you must know that the French sent in 6,000 troops who were well-trained, well-equipped, and ready to fight. Mexico, on the other hand, managed to pull together 2,000 troops who were a ragtag force of indigenous Mexicans and loyal men. Mexico's soldiers were poorly supplied and untrained, yet still managed to win the battle that lasted from daybreak to early evening. After everything was said and done 100 Mexican soldiers were dead, and 500 French soldiers were dead. Winning this battle was not a major strategic defeat; however, it did represent a great symbolic victory for the Mexican government.

Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a tribute to the Mexican culture and heritage. Celebratory traditions include military parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing, traditional foods, and other festive events. How will you celebrate Cinco de Mayo? Visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/neighborpro and let us know.

Resource:
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