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## Blue Sharks SWIM TEAM NEWS

By Randy Smith

**Hello Neighbors!** Winter seems to have quietly passed us by and now spring has sprung! Next time you blink, it will be summer!! We all know what summer means?! **POOL TIME!!** For many of us it's a time to lounge, dive in, BBQ and hang out with friends. But for swimmers ages 5 to 18, it can only mean one thing: **It is BLUE SHARK SWIM SEASON.**

The Encino Park Swim Team is a summer swim league (with LSSSL Lone Star Summer Swim League) for swimmers of all ages. We pride ourselves on friendly competition between neighborhoods. We spend our weekdays practicing daily – a great way to exercise in the Texas summer heat. And we spend our Saturdays, in June, competing against neighbors like Hollywood Park and Deerfield. These past few years we've been honored to call Coach Matt Majors our head swim coach. He is the head coach for Lee High School during the school year. He, along with our assistant coaches, make this summer activity fun for all ages.

Our team thrives and runs 100% on parent volunteers. From our tech team to our stroke and turn judges – without parents and sponsors – this swim team would not be possible. Neighbors like Gail Lamb (The Gail Lamb Group), Jason Cherry (Aquatica pool management), Chris Guess (Fish Window Cleaning), and Maria-Isabel Atique (Atique Orthodontics) are the reason we thrive.

So, if you have a 5–18-year-old interested in swimming, now is the time to sign up!

Registration begins March 1st at 8am for all EPHOA homeowners and returning swimmers. New swimmers (and non EPHOA members) can sign up on March 8th this year - so get in and register early. Popular age groups fill up fast. Registration is online via our website: [Encinopark.Swimtopia.com](http://Encinopark.Swimtopia.com). Please contact Jenn Smith with any questions or concerns: call/text: 805-312-5115 or email: [JennSmithSwim@gmail.com](mailto:JennSmithSwim@gmail.com) or join our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/EPST1](http://www.facebook.com/groups/EPST1)

We're looking forward to another great season!

**Encino Park Blue Sharks**



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# OVER 50 CLUB

By Dalia Benzick  
Club Reporter

The Over 50 Group continues to gather at the Community Center on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:30 a. m. for our brown-bag lunch followed by games and fellowship. We invite neighbors and friends to join us. This month we will have fun playing penny Bingo.

All of us look forward to spring and we enjoy learning trivia to keep the minds sharp. Did you know that March is named for the Roman god of war, Mars? This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter. On a happier note, did you also know that our longer days with increasing sunlight inspire birds to sing? Is Mother Nature cool or what!!



# OUT TO LUNCH

This month we will dine at the famous San Antonio chef Jason Dady's restaurant at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, "Jardi'n". "Nestled in the historic Sullivan Carriage House", this menu features "fresh flavors influenced by Mediterranean cuisine." If the weather is nice, we may be able to dine al fresco on the garden -inspired patio. If not, we will enjoy the "farmhouse ambiance" inside. We will go on Thursday the 31st at 11:30. The address is 555 Funston Place. You do not have to go into the Gardens for the restaurant- the building is to the left of the Gardens entrance. Signs will direct you. We'll celebrate the opening day of Fiesta! Call Janet at 210-481-9956 by Monday the 28th if you plan to attend. Carpooling will be available.

Our January lunch was enthusiastically attended by four ladies who enjoyed the delicious food at Los Balitos Taco Shop. Thank you to Aracely Garcia for selecting this restaurant and making the arrangements!

Out-to-lunch is open to all EP ladies and friends!

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## Encino Park Easter Egg Hunt

@ E.P. Community Center & Park  
(Good) Friday, April 15th

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# CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE

January was uneventful as far as crime goes. We had a few disturbances in the neighborhood all in the first section of the HOA. Our SAFFE Officer advises us that car burglaries are an area of concern throughout San Antonio. He advises that we be sure to put valuable away and lock our cars. Many of the car burglaries in our neighborhood are of unlocked cars.

Spring break is coming up this month and sad to say some of our minor crimes are committed by kids out of school and with nothing to do but get into mischief. If you have kids, be sure they know to respect their neighbors' property and to stay out of trouble.

SAPD offers Citizens on Patrol classes where you learn how to support law enforcement, what types of situations should be referred to 311 and which to SAPD, and what to observe in our neighborhood to ensure its safety. The next class will be on Monday, March 14, 6-9PM at the Northeast substation located at 13030 Jones Maltsberger. For any questions, you may contact Officer Cathalina Schneider at 210-207-5182.

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

If you would like to know how to keep our neighborhood safe and to chat with our law enforcement officers, please consider joining this Committee. Committee meetings are 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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# ENCINO PARK WOMEN'S CLUB

By Holly Slaughter

## Happy Spring!

Our amazing January 10th meeting presenter, Dr. Meredith Knoll, shared with us her vast professional knowledge of the importance of women's health therapy. All the ladies who attended definitely learned some new things!! We look forward to having Meredith teach other topics in the future, as her program was phenomenal and we all loved her!

The Women's Club's "Galentine's Dinner" was held February 21st at Milano Italian Grill. Look for photos in the April newsletter.

At our March 14th meeting, we will be playing **Bingo**. Prizes will be awarded! As usual we will have food, beverages, and a great time! If you haven't joined the Women's Club yet, the cost is only \$12.50 for the rest of the year (through May).

**Elections** will be coming up in April for the our executive board. We greatly appreciate the ladies from our community who volunteer in these leadership roles and keep the women's club going strong!

If you live in Encino Park and will be pursuing further education (college, trade school, etc.), you may be able to apply for an EPWC-sponsored **scholarship**. See application and information on the next page for complete details or pick up a copy at the HOA office.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** will be on (Good) Friday, April 15th. The hunt for eggs begins promptly at 10:00 am, so be sure to hop over early with your baskets!

## Upcoming Meetings and EPWC-Sponsored Events (\*\*)

<b>Mon, Mar 14 @ 7:00 p.m.</b>	Bingo (with prizes)
<b>Mon, Apr 11 @ 7:00 p.m.</b>	SPRING "PARTY BEVERAGE" TASTING
<b>**Fri, Apr 15 @ 10:00 a.m.</b>	**E.P. EASTER EGG HUNT
<b>**Fri and Sat, May 6 &amp; 7</b>	**E.P. Neighborhood Garage Sale
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# ENCINO PARK 2022 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

## REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

The Encino Park Women's Club is a service organization that is offering two \$750 scholarships this year. A committee of Women's Club members will judge all entries. All applicants will be notified by mail.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Women's Club Awards Banquet on May 9th. Questions may be directed to the Scholarship Committee Chair at [Scholarship@encinoparkhoa.com](mailto:Scholarship@encinoparkhoa.com).

Encino Park Residents who meet the following requirements are encouraged to apply:

1. Applicant must have been an Encino Park resident for two years from the date of the application and be a member in good standing in the Encino Park Homeowner's Association.
2. Individuals attending an accredited college or trade school for the 2022-2023 academic year may apply. There is no age limit.
3. Applicant must submit an essay, a minimum of two (2) pages, double spaced and a maximum length of four (4) pages responding to the following:  
"During these last 2 years of Covid, there have been many challenges at school. Share how you have met those challenges and gotten over the hurdles. How have you seen growth in yourself as a student tackling these challenges?"
4. Applicants must submit a separate resume of his/her experiences including personal and academic achievements, grade point average (high school/college, if applicable) community involvement, extracurricular activities, and leadership positions, artistic and athletic achievements. Include dates of membership in clubs as well as hours/time for each activity. References are not required but may be considered if submitted.
5. An individual may receive our scholarship only once.
6. Applicant will write his/her name only on the attached "Scholarship Application" form and his/her resume. Please, no name is to be written on the actual essay.

Any application not complying with any of the above requirements will be disqualified.

Complete the scholarship application and attach it to your essay and resume. Place it in an 8x10 envelope marked "Scholarship" and drop it off **no later than 2:00 PM, Monday, March 21**, at the Encino Park HOA office, 1923 Encino Rio, during office hours or in the HOA drop box when the office is closed. Only those applications received at the HOA office or in the drop box will be considered.

## ENCINO PARK 2021 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY APPLICATION NAME

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SCHOOLS BEING APPLIED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU OR YOUR MOTHER A WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBER? \_\_\_\_\_

IF NOT, WERE YOU OR SHE A PAST MEMBER? HOW MANY YEARS IN TOTAL WAS THE MEMBERSHIP? \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEFLY, IN WHAT CAPACITY HAVE YOU/SHE SERVED? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach this application to your essay and resume. Place it in an 8x10 envelope marked "Scholarship" and drop it off **no later than 2:00 PM Monday, March 21**, at the Encino Park HOA office, 1923 Encino Rio, during office hours, or in the HOA drop box when the office is closed. Only those applications received at the HOA office or in the drop box will be considered.



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## HEATING SAFETY



There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

### BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a 3 foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



## FIX A LEAK WEEK

Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year we hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week. Mark your calendars for EPA’s annual Fix a Leak Week, **March 14 through 20, 2022**—but remember that you can find and fix leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you’re wasting water and then identify the source of the leak. Here are some tips for finding leaks:

- Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

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Deven Garcia	17	210-643-3000	Lawn mowing, power washing & pet sitting
Matthew Garcia	15	210-643-3000	Lawn mowing, power washing & pet sitting
Javier Garrido		210-997-0771	Dog walking, lawn mowing, Bilingual
Alex Hansen	15	210-852-8651	Lawn mowing
Erin Heilbrun	15	210-801-5288	Babysitting and pet sitting
Julia Hendrix	15	210-363-7642	Babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking
Emily Hougen		210-632-0406	Babysitting, dog sitting, dog walking
Madison Kirschbaum	14	210-309-1527	Babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking, and house sitting

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Vincent Prusinsky	17	210-722-5545	Lawn mowing, pet sitting, dog walking, weed eating/trim hedges/power/pressure washing
Jacob Rios	18	512-954-5219	I can do dog walking, pet sitting, and technology help
Kort Robinson	14	210-777-2622	Lawn mowing & pet sitting
Eoin Shearer	12	210-663-1606	Dog Walking, pet Sitting, Lawn Mowing
Allison Wagner	15	210-788-9879	Babysitting, pet sitting
Nate Wagner	13	210-788-9879	Lawn Mowing, pet sitting
Angela Zamora	16	210-780-2099	Babysitting, pet sitting and dog walking

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