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Message from the Board

by Randy Smith

Happy Fall Encino Park homeowners!

We have had a great 2022 and still a few months of activities left to go. Our community pool is now closed for the season and the board is discussing a remodel on the pool house and we would like to invite you to come to any monthly board meeting to voice your thoughts. The Women's Club hosted another great Market Days on 1-2 October, and it was well attended, and an amazing number of vendors participated. The HOA Board of Directors annual meeting will be held on October 13th at 7 pm and we hold our annual elections at this meeting. We hope to see everyone there and hear your thoughts and ideas. Next month, 5 November, is our 2nd annual Chili Cookoff and this is a MUST attend event. As usual our neighborhood is well represented when it comes to Halloween and Christmas lights, we will be doing our annual Christmas light competition again this year and we would love to see your creativity!

I would like to start something new for our newsletter and ask for homeowners' participation. We have many activities throughout the year, both sponsored by the HOA and homeowners' gatherings. My ask of you, please submit a picture or two of something your family or group of friends have done in the Encino Park HOA that you want to brag on! Maybe it's a street get-together, cooking out at the pool, the golf-cart group gathering, a party at the park, or anything else you feel shows others why you are proud to live in Encino Park!

As this newsletter gets sent to every home in the HOA, sadly, this may be the only communication some of you get from the HOA. We would like to inform you that it does not need to be this way! Encino Park HOA has a web page, www.encinoparkhoa.com, we have a Facebook (it's called Meta now?) page, and most importantly we CAN communicate with you via email IF you provide us with your email. Some of you may say, WHAT?? Yes, we need YOU to provide the HOA your contact information. The HOA cannot go out and find your contact information and start communicating with you via email or phone UNLESS you provide it.

Lastly, I had mentioned that October is our annual board meeting where we elect new board members, many have served on the board in the past and we all thank you for serving your community. We are hoping some of our new homeowners will want to serve on the board and give their perspective to our community. If you did not already submit your name to the Property Manager, that is okay, you can come to the meeting and let us know you want to be on the ballot. Young or mature, we value your opinion and need/want your voice to be heard.





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- RANDY SMITH - PRESIDENT
- JASON WILLIAMSON - VICE PRESIDENT
- CINDY CRAFT - TREASURER
- PEGGY WARDLAW - SECRETARY
- DOUG BOCK - PARLIAMENTARIAN
- CHRIS ARCHER - MEMBER AT LARGE
- DELISA LEOPOLD - MEMBER AT LARGE
- KEVIN NICKELS - MEMBER AT LARGE
- JAMES SANDOVAL - MEMBER AT LARGE

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ENCINO PARK BOARD CANDIDATES PROFILE



Doug Bock

I am Doug Bock and I am seeking re-election to serve on the Encino Park HOA Board of Directors. I am completing my first three-year term and I learned so much during this time.

During my first term, I focused on making our website a resource for our community by requesting our meetings and events be posted to our calendar, and by having our newsletters posted online. I also contributed articles and served as a proofreader for our newsletter. I participated in events including our inaugural Encino Park Chili Cookoff and Night in Old Encino Park. I am excited to continue the work of keeping our amenities maintained and updated as needed.

As an Encino Park resident since 2000, I have seen many changes in our neighborhood, both good and not so good, I am focused on keeping our neighborhood a safe and desirable one that we are all proud of. As a financial advisor for RBFCU, I bring the point of view of looking at the cost/benefit analysis to make sure we are spending our money in a responsible way. If I am re-elected, I commit to continue the work the board has been entrusted to do on behalf of our community.

Thank you for your consideration

Cara Jacobsen

I grew up here in Encino Park. My parents and I moved here in 1986 and my mother still lives on Encino Way in the first section. When I returned to San Antonio, with my husband, we bought a house in The Oaks. Then, we sold, moved to Stone Oak for a while, but missed the neighborhood community of Encino. With my parents still living here, we still enjoyed the pool, made good friends, played in the park. 2 years ago, we finally found another home to buy - 1 block from my parents' house. Over the past 2 years, I have been one of the leads for the July 4 pool party, Memorial Weekend popsicles and Kona Ice truck, end of year Labor Day pool party, and even a movie night to kick off the Christmas holidays. As I witness the growth of Encina with younger families, I really want to be more involved and understand the true goals of the Board and the limitations financially to some of the things we, as neighbors, think we should be doing but do not understand that we cannot because of budget or other constraints. I would also like to help find a better way to communicate with the neighborhood - or get the word out on how to add emails to the distribution. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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The Committee met last month and discussed any observations members made as they drove throughout the Encino Park neighborhood.

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 October 3, 6-9PM at the Northeast substation located at 13030 Jones-Maltsberger. To schedule the training, or for any questions about it, you may contact Officer Cathalina Schneider at 210-207-5182 or email her at: Cathalina.schneider@sanantonio.gov. If you experience a burglary or see something illegal, don't post it to NextDoor only, email our SAFFE Officer at joel.freeman@sanantonio.gov. You can also report suspicious activity to the non-emergency numbers (210-207-7273 or 210-335-4750).

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

Out to Lunch



This month we will return to one of our local favorites - Conroy's. It is at 21119 281 South, next to Lupe Tortilla, between TPC Parkway and Evans Road. It has a wide variety of delicious foods, and the service has always been great for us.

We will go on Tuesday, Oct. 25th, at 11:30.
Please call Janet at 210-481-9956
by Friday the 21st if you plan to go.

Our August lunch was held at BJ's, and the ten of us who attended had a wonderful time. We enjoyed the varied delicious foods, the great service, and the time reconnecting with each other after the summer break.

Out to Lunch is open to all EP women and friends.

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Witches of Old

by Sharon Reynolds, Neighborhood News Staff Writer

Witches are popular in today's culture and are celebrated mostly on Halloween. However, long ago, things were much different for witches than they are today. Back then, witches were classified as those who called upon spirits, practiced witchcraft, or used magic spells. Most people viewed witches as evil, and it was thought that they were doing the Devil's work. In reality though, many of those termed 'witches' were simply 'wise women' who used natural substances to heal.

Earliest Record of Witches



The earliest recorded account of witches is actually found in the Bible. In 1 Samuel, the bible tells a story about King Saul seeking out the Witch of Endor to summon the dead prophet of Samuel's spirit. He thought that if he spoke to Samuel's spirit, they could defeat the Philistine Army (History.com). Additionally, in Exodus 22:18, it states "thou shall not suffer a witch to live".

Witch Hunts

In the mid-1400s, it wasn't uncommon for witches to either be hung or burned at the stake. Many who were accused of being witches confessed to various evil acts, usually while enduring extreme torture. Unfortunately, single women and widows were the main target of witch hunts. Even before the infamous Salem Witch Trials in Salem, Massachusetts, fear among the people had turned neighbor against neighbor accusing one another of practicing witchcraft.

Witch Trials



In 1647, Alice Young was the first American to be executed for witchcraft in Windsor, Connecticut. Over the next 50 years, forty-six people would be accused of being witches in Connecticut, of which 11 of them would be put to death.

In 1692, amidst war between the French and the British, a smallpox epidemic and continual fear of attacks from Native American tribes, the Salem Witch Trials began. When Elizabeth Parris (9 yrs. old) and Abigail Williams (11 yrs. old) both suddenly began suffering from body contortions and uncontrolled screaming, and many more began exhibiting the same symptoms, mass hysteria ensued. Three women were accused of being responsible for the sudden afflictions, including Sarah Good, Sarah Osborn

and Tituba, an enslaved woman who was owned by Elizabeth Parris's father (History.com). It was Tituba who openly confessed to being a witch and accused others of also being witches and practicing black magic. By the time the Salem Witch Trials were over, 150 people had been accused of using witchcraft, of which 18 (6 men, 12 women) were found guilty and put to death.

Today, witches still struggle to rid themselves of the historical stereotype. Witches live among and around us, though you would never be able to tell them apart from regular people. They do not stand over black cauldrons of green goo, ride on a broomstick, or wear a pointy hat, although some still might. Throughout history, witches have instilled fear among those around them. So, on Halloween this year, don't be surprised if you spot a real witch or two.

Resource: www.history.com/topics/folklore/history-of-witches



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Pumpkin Delight

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ¾ cup pecans chopped
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 cup whipped topping divided
- 2 ½ cup milk
- 3 pkgs white chocolate (or vanilla) instant pudding mix (3.4 oz size)
- 15 oz can pumpkin puree
- 1 tsp pumpkin spice



Source: lilluna.com

Directions:

1. Mix flour, butter and ½ cup pecans together. Press into a sprayed 9x9 or 9x13 pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees, then remove and let cool.
2. Blend cream cheese and powdered sugar, add 1 cup of the whipped topping, then spread over cooled crust.
3. Mix milk, pudding mix, canned pumpkin, pumpkin spice and 1 cup whipped topping until smooth. Spread over top of layer 2.
4. Spread remaining 1 cup of whipped topping and sprinkle pecans.
5. Let chill for 3 hours or until set. Serve chilled, and ENJOY!

Pumpkin Patches to Visit Around Town

Looking for a pumpkin patch to get into the Fall Season? Well, you are in luck! We have a short list of the best pumpkin patches in the area. Each has been vetted and are open for business. So, grab that flannel shirt and the fam and get on the road to fun. There is nothing that shouts 'Fall is Here' more than enjoying a hayride, picking out that special pumpkin, and trekking through a haunted maze of corn. Visit the website before planning your trip to ensure hours have not changed as some are dependent on inclement weather. **Enjoy.**



San Antonio Pumpkin Patches

Murphy's Christmas Tree Lot & Pumpkin Patch

<https://www.skatelandpumpkinsandtrees.com>

Location: 2351 Goliad Rd, San Antonio, TX 78223

Hours: Open from October 1st to December 31st, 2022;

Monday through Sunday from 8am to 8pm.

South Texas Maize

<https://graff7aranch.com>

Location: 911 US Hwy 90 East, Hondo, TX 78861

Hours: Open from September 17th to November 19th, 2022; Thursday 9:30am to 2:30pm (starting Oct. 20th), Friday 6pm to 9pm (starting Sept. 17th), Saturday 10am to 9pm, Sunday from noon to 5pm.

Devine Acres Farm

devineacresfarm.com

Location: 944 FM 2200, Devine, TX 78016

Hours: Open from September 28th to October 27th, 2022, Weekends only. Saturday 10am to 5pm; Sunday noon to 5pm.

Love Creek Orchards

<https://lovecreekorchards.com>

Location: 13558 TX-16, Medina, TX 78055

Hours: Open from October 8th to October 31st, 2022, Weekends only. (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday 10am-4pm)

Pipe Creek Pumpkin Patch

<https://pipecreekpumpkinpatch.com>

Location: 805 Phil's Road, Pipe Creek, Texas

Hours: Open Weekends in October 2022, 11am – 5:30pm

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Grace Bush	16	210-323-6708	Babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking, house sitting
Faith Bush	12	210-323-6708	Babysitting & pet sitting
Emma Cline	16	210-912-9588	Pet sitting, dog walking & house sitting
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
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
Ryan Kruger	15	210-787-0015	Lawn maintenance
Timothy Massa	17	210-913-8126	Pet sitting

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Maggie Micklitz	16	210-410-2990	Babysitting, Pet sitting, house sitting
Clayton Micklitz	14	210-410-2990	Babysitting, Pet sitting, house sitting
Carroll Montgomery		210-373-8841	Lawn Maintenance
Maria Palacios	17	210-838-7214	Pet sitting
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
Angela Zamora	16	210-780-2099	Babysitting, pet sitting and dog walking
Ignacio Watkins	18	626-975-0676	Soccer coach, soccer trainer, fitness/cardio trainer

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