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Message from the Board



By Ashley Bryant

“VALUE IN COMMUNITY”

Encino Park is home to all of us. We all came here for what our community offers. Our small community is amazing, and we all do what we can to keep it that way. That's what brought each of us here, we value what Encino Park has to offer.

Our crime rate is low compared to other areas of town. Our streets are well taken care of. We have an excellent relationship with our community leaders, Commissioner, Fire, Police, and Constable. 311 services are there to guide us with nearly everything else imaginable. We do have some concerns out there that comes about every once and a while. Please let us know. We as a Board want to be as proactive as we possible can. We need your input. We want and need your voice. We represent our community. I didn't join the Board for myself, I did it for everyone that lives in this community.

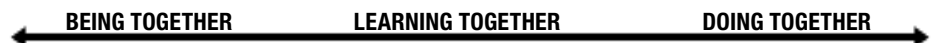
How can we make a difference in our community? Smile, say hello, take a neighbor's trash/recycling bin (s) back from the street (and keep them out of view, lol). Let's not be strangers to one another. A community can only be/stay strong if we all come together and try to make a difference.

If you see something that you think may make a difference to the greater community, please let us know by either attending a monthly board meeting, calling the Encino Park office at 210-497-3022 or emailing contact@encinoparkhoa.com. We are always needing more involvement on our committees for ideas, direction, and discussion to continue growing an even better community.

If it's something you feel you and your neighbors can do, get them involved or utilize your block captains for assistance for reaching out and contacting neighbors and getting greater involvement.

One such effort going on in our community is called TREASURE IN HEAVEN. The group seeks out opportunities to show others that there is still light in the world. The group has 6 children aged 5 – 12 years old that go around and help elderly with raking/blowing leaves, picking up branches, mowing lawns, car washing and other similar things, all for free. It teaches the children responsibility and most importantly, IT'S NOT ABOUT SELF, BUT ABOUT OTHERS. This is where community all starts, with our children, teaching, protecting, and mentoring them.

We come together to build relationships. We come for friendship, and to feel a sense of trust, belonging, home and safety. We come together to learn from other members or from elders. We come together to grow as individuals, as groups, as a community. **WE COME TOGETHER AS ENCINO PARK!**



I encourage everyone to attend our monthly board meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month held at the community center. The more we hear from the community, the greater the community we can serve. We are here for everyone and take that responsibility seriously.



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Night in Old Encino – The 2nd annual Night in Old Encino was on April 15th at the Community Center. It was truly an EPIC event! Well over 250 neighbors came out to enjoy great food, drinks, and music as well as face painting, a balloon artist clown, tattoos, casacarones, games and fiesta crafts for the kids staffed by Johnson High School NHS.

San Antonio **Pet’s Alive** also brought out bunch of sweet puppies for adoption, and we were able to place four of them!

We want to give special thanks to *The Gail Lamb Group, San Antonio Pets Alive, Johnson High School National Honor Society, The EP Women’s Club, the EP Block Captains, the EP Park Committee, the Cook Crew (John Kirschbaum, Delisa Leopold and Austin and Laura Seale), neighborhood volunteers, and of course, our EPIC Committee* for staffing and providing everything that delivered a fun and engaging community event. Viva Fiesta!!

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

June 10th - (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 The Gail Lamb Group!).

Join us!!

The Encino Park Community Involvement Committee is going to support the Pool Committee this summer with fun events and activities for our community. Watch your email or the EP Facebook page for announcements of events. Contact Sunny Brown at gsbrown@swbell.net if you would like to help.

Out to Lunch

Hello everyone. It is summer! Enjoy these lazy days! The Out-to-Lunch group WILL meet this month. Come and join us on **Friday the 23rd** at “Aldino at the Vineyard” Restaurant in the Vineyard Shopping Center at the corner of Loop 1604 West and Blanco Road (1203 N. Loop 1604W). We will meet there at 11:30 or you can carpool with some of us from the Community Center. Come and “experience Italian cuisine at its finest” in this “authentic Italian restaurant that has brought the ultimate dining experience to north central San Antonio for over 20 years.” We have a great time at our outings enjoying delicious food and each other’s company. Call Janet at 210-481-9956 by Tuesday the 20th if you plan to attend. This “Ladies who Lunch” group is open to all Encino Park women and their (female) friends.

In April seven of us had a great time dining at 54th Street in the Village at Stone Oak Shopping Center. The food, for most of us, was delicious, the service was superb, and the conversation invigorating. Thank you to Jeannie Morton for recommending that restaurant for that month.

We did not meet in May so we are all looking forward to gathering again this month on the 23rd!



ENCINO PARK WOMENS' CLUB

By Donna Morton

On May 8th the Scholarship Award Banquet was celebrated Fiesta Style. It was an inspiring, uplifting evening as two young men were honored. First recognition was to **Alex Hansen**, a graduating senior from

Claudia Taylor Johnson High School. Alex was chosen to receive the Scholarship Award based on his essay. It was a heartfelt essay, which he read to all the attendees. Alex has been a straight "A" student throughout his years in Encino Park schools.



He has an exemplary academic and community service resume, and is graduating Summa Cum Laude at the end of the month. He will continue his education at Texas A&M in the fall. A truly remarkable young man!

The next recognition was the Encino Park Community Service Award which went to **Joshua Hall**, a Scout with Troop 360

BSA, (Troop 360 is that great group of scouts and their leaders that meet here at the Community Building). The scouts usually volunteer to assist with the Women's Club Market Days held in October. This past October the scouts were unavailable as they had a camp-out and other scouting projects but fortunately Joshua was available. He was our only volunteer along with his dad, Jason and another scout leader they worked tirelessly in the heat to assist the vendors and Women's Club. He was a true hero to the vendors and to our organization.



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Both young men exemplify a strong, positive moral compass. Their names are posted on plaques for their respective award presented to them by the Women's Club President, Nancy Thomas. The plaques will be hung in the Community Building along with the past award recipients.

After the awards, the 23/24 board for the Women's Club was introduced:

President - Nancy Thomas

1st VP Programs - Sunny Brown

2nd VP Fundraising - Cindy Craft & Elice Palmer

3rd VP Membership - Marion Schaefer

Secretary - Barbara Cowan

Treasurer - Joan Raver

Publicity - Donna Morton

Historian - Aracely Garcia

These ladies will lead the fund raising and the fun for the next year for the Encino Park Women's Club.



They will host the ladies of Encino Park interested in the Women's Club in August. This will be the first meeting of the year and is guaranteed fun as it is **BUNCO NIGHT!!**

Even though the Women's Club pauses for summer, our new year begins in August, but the work does not stop! We have Market Days scheduled Saturday, October 7. We are looking for potential retailers. We need everyone to spread the word which assists Women's Club fill our park with great vendors for a fun day of Fall shopping.



OVER 50 CLUB

Submitted by Dalia Benzick

Summer has arrived and it may feel like we just want to stay indoors to beat the heat. The Over 50 group keeps active by meeting the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center. We review neighborhood news, do lunch, socialize, and have fun activities. In May, we exercised our brains and eyes by playing Bingo; we like games of chance. Come and join us this summer.

Weather trivia for June: If it rains on St. John's Day (24th), we may expect a wet harvest season. We can only hope it rains often!

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Women's Club Garage Sale BIG Success



The Board of the Encino Park Women's Club would like to thank ALL club members for their donation of time, talents, and items, to make this, our first Garage Sale a BIG success! We'd also like to thank all residents of Encino Park and the surrounding area who came on Friday and Saturday and shopped.

Thank you to **Arlene Belz, Sandy Brunner, Debbie Cantu, Penny Cooperider, Cindy Craft, Dora Delgado, Anne Frazer, Aracely Garcia, Janet Lancaster, Missy Moises, Donna Morton, Marsha Nelson, Meredith Noll, Jenny O'Connor, Petya Petkova, Joan Raver, Nancy Thomas, Mary Claire Tirres, and Laura Zuniga.** These women obtained permits, donated items, made signs and tickets, worked the sale, and packed up all that was not sold. Items that were not sold were donated to Arms of Hope.

A special thank you to **Richard Garcia** and **John Raver**, as well as **Steven Farroz**, our Encino Park Maintenance Man.



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Encino Park's Block Captain Program

If you are the "Go-To Person" for your street, please think about becoming the Block Captain or "Neighborhood Ambassador" for your street or block of Encino Park, or volunteer to help your current Block Captain because many are covering more than one street, so help would be appreciated!

Here are the streets that currently do not have a coverage:

- Encino Brook (19602-19734)
- Encino Brook (19810-19911)
- Encino Cabin
- Encino Cliff (2136-2202)
- Encino Crossing
- Encino Crown
- Encino Gap
- Encino Point
- Encino Rio (1706-1726)
- Encino Rock
- Encino Royale (19918-19967)
- Encino Spur
- Encino Valley
- Encino Valley Circle

All residents are encouraged to join our Encino Park Block Captain Social Media groups to learn more and keep up on important events and activities happening in our community:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EPBlockCaptains/>
- https://nextdoor.com/g/qg6mg8nle/?is=nav_bar
- <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/7073004/>

If you would like your Block Captain contact information or have questions, please reach out to us. We could also use your help finding sponsors for our EP Goodie Bag items (see other article).

Thank you for your contribution to making Encino Park a strong and safe community!

Daphne Sohocki & Gail Lamb
 Encino Park Block Captains Co-Committee Chairs
 210-901-9936
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<https://www.encinoparkhoa.com/block-captains>

Block Captain Calendar of Events

NOW – Register Your Plans for **October 2023 SANT** on the City website. (See email sent on 5/7/23.) Register now so we can get enough banners and signs.

NOW – Help recruit Sponsors to Donate to our **Goodie Bag**. (See other article.)

8/27/23 2-3pm – **Annual Encino Park Informational Zoom Meeting**. ALL Encino Park Residents Welcome! RSVP <https://forms.gle/Dmdqyqq93M1EWoMJ6>

9/20/23 – **Goodie Bag Donations Due** from Sponsors

9/27/23 1-4pm – **Goodie Bag Stuffing Day**. Volunteers needed!

9/27/23 4-6pm – **Goodie Bag Pick Up** from EPHOA. Volunteers needed!

10/3/23 – **SAN ANTONIO NEIGHBORS TOGETHER National Night Out!**



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>



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July 4 Celebration!

Its summertime and that means poolside fun! One of our biggest events of the year for Encino Park is the July 4 celebration. This year we are going to celebrate on Saturday, July 1. So mark your calendars and tell your friends so we can celebrate Independence Day with all of our neighbors!



For all of our new neighbors, the entire day is a celebration. Kids and adults can decorate their bikes, wagons, strollers, golf carts for the parade. We'll gather at the Community Center, play the National Anthem to recognize the day, and then head out to the pool. We'll have organized games at every break, but people always bring yard games to play in the grass by the pool. Food will be grilled up and served, as well as any potluck desserts that may be provided.

Timeline for July 1 (subject to change):

12/12:30pm – gather at the Community Center with bikes, wagons, golf carts to strollers / National Anthem

1pm – Parade to the pool

1:45pm, 2:45pm, 3:45pm, 4:45pm – Pool games at each adult swim!

3ish – hotdogs, brats and other delectable bites served

We need volunteers to ensure the success for the all day celebration. Please reach out to me via email at cara.jacobsen68@gmail.com if you are interested.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Putting the USA flags out on Encino Rio (put out on Fri, 5/31 morning and picking up on Wed, 7/5 in the morning)
- Decorations for the pool party (install on Fri, 5/31 evening after 7pm)
- Organize the parade at the Community Center to the Pool / any Boy Scout leaders out there? (arrive at the community center)
- Cook the hotdogs, sausages and burgers at the pool (all food provided / be at pool by 2pm)
- Serve the food for lunch
- Bring desserts and sides for lunch (bring to the pool by 2pm)
- Help with the games for the kids (be at the pool by 1:30pm)



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There are some golf cart naysayers in the neighborhood and some complaints are warranted. But, to keep the peace, I have listed all of the rules regarding golf carts in San Antonio that I have found on the TxDMV website.

- All golf carts need to be street legal, regardless of driving in a master planned community and not on major roadways.
- Street legal requirements – seat belts, tail and head lights, horns, mirrors, speed monitors, parking break.
- Texas does not require golf cart insurance.
- Golf carts do not require license plates or need to be registered with the TxDMV.
- Golf carts do require a slow moving vehicle triangular emblem on the back of the cart.
- If driving at night, golf carts must have their lights on.
- Golf cart drivers are required to have a drivers license, or with adult supervision.

Golf carters, please be aware so you can adhere to the rules and we won't lose out on the everyday fun of the summer!



Recreation News

SWIM TEAM UPDATES:

<https://encinopark.swimtopia.com/>

2023 BLUE SHARKS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 - MEET VS. DEERFIELD DRAGONS (HOME)

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 - MEET VS. HIDDEN FOREST (AWAY)

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 - MEET VS. CANYON SPRINGS (AWAY)

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 MORNING - CHAMPS MEET

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 - END OF SEASON PARTY AT 5:00

POOL HOURS:

The pool will be open fulltime for summer hours beginning **May 26th thru September 30th**. For pool rules go to <https://www.encinoparkhoa.com/pool>. Hours are 1 PM- 9 PM.

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Faith Bush	13	210-323-6708	Babysitting & pet sitting (5/22)
Joseph Bush	16	210-323-6708	Lawn mowing & dog walking (6/23)
Grace Cherry	13	512-289-5028	Pet sitting, dog walking (6/23)
John Paul Cherry	16	512-289-5028	Lawn care (6/23)
Kate Cherry	15	512-289-5028	Babysitting, pet sitting & dog walking (6/23)
Emma Cline	17	210-912-9588	Pet sitting, dog walking and house sitting
Javier Garido	17	210-997-0771	Lawn mowing, Pet sitting, car wash, weed eating (3/23)
Erin Heilbrun	16	210-801-5288	Babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking, house sitting (2/23)
Julia Hendrix	16	210-363-7642	Babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking (11/22)
Ryan Kruger	15	210-787-0015	Lawn maintenance (7/22)
Maggie Micklitz	16	210-410-2990	Babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting (6/22)
Clayton Micklitz	14	210-410-2990	Babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting (6/22)
Vincent Prusinsky	18	210-722-5545	Lawn Mowing, trim hedges, weed eating, power washing services, pet sitting, dog walking (12/22)
Ignacio Watkins	18	626-975-0676	Soccer coach, soccer trainer, fitness/cardio trainer (7/22)

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Venomous Snakes in Texas

Texas is home to many species of venomous snakes. The most common venomous snake in Texas is the copperhead. Copperheads are named for their copper-colored heads and tails. They can be identified by their hourglass pattern on their backs and red eyes (which resemble a cat's eye). Copperhead bites are extremely painful but rarely deadly if treated quickly—and even then, fatalities are very rare. Copperheads usually strike when people attempt to handle or kill them without knowing how to do so safely.

Other venomous snakes found in Texas include the cottonmouth, rattlesnake, coral snake, and western diamondback rattlesnake.

The following are some tips for avoiding contact with venomous snakes:

- Wear boots while walking through grassy areas where snakes may be hiding under rocks or logs.
- Walk on paved paths instead of grassy areas whenever possible.
- Keep your distance from any dead animals you come across while hiking or camping in wooded areas because they may have been killed by a snake and may attract other snakes to the area.
- Do not step into anything that you cannot see clearly at first glance such as holes or ditches since these are places where venomous snakes could be hiding.
- If bitten by a venomous snake, call 911 and seek medical attention immediately.

How To Water Less This Summer

By Adolph Garcia,
SAWS Gardenstyle San Antonio

From creating shade to getting rid of some grass, there are a few ways to reduce your water use during the hottest, driest months of the year.

As the summer heat settles in, more and more water will be used to quench our thirsty lawns. Outdoor watering during our hottest months can account for 50 to 80 percent of a home's total water use, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

To help keep your water use in check this summer, try these water-wise gardening suggestions.

- **Create shade.** Nothing beats the Texas heat like a cool shady spot. Install a vine-laden pergola. Use crossvine, butterfly vine or San Antonio's favorite vine, queen's crown. Shady areas lose moisture at a much slower rate, reducing the need for frequent applications of water, even during the summer.
- **Eliminate as much lawn as possible.** Lawns use two to four times more water than native plants like Lantana and Salvia. Reducing the grass reduces the water.
- **Avoid over-fertilizing.** Frequent and heavy applications of fertilizer do help your lawn grow by leaps and bounds, but all that lush, new growth also results in grass that needs (you guessed it) more water.
- **Mulch.** One to two inches of hardwood, shredded cedar, or pine bark mulch will reduce weekly watering to just two per month.
- **Retire or retrofit irrigation zones.** You may qualify for the Residential Irrigation Design Rebate if you retire an unnecessary zone or your entire system, or convert pop-up spray zones to drip irrigation. Just call 210-704-SAVE to schedule a free irrigation consultation.

Watering responsibly is something we can all strive to do better. Visit GardenStyleSanAntonio.com for more tips on how to have a beautiful yard that also saves water.

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How to use the Blue Recycling Cart

By San Antonio Solid Waste Management

The items you put in your blue cart matter, and it is also important how you put them in.

- Do not place recyclables in bags. They go into the blue cart loose.
- Flatten out all cardboard.
- Paper is accepted only if it is not food-soiled or otherwise unclean.
- Recyclables must be clean. If an item such as a peanut butter or honey jar cannot be rinsed out, it is better to put it in the brown trash cart.
- Remove all lids, even plastic ones. Those can be put in the brown trash cart.
- Never use your blue cart as overflow for trash.

Accepted Materials

Paper

- Cardboard (flattened)
- Dry goods packaging & drink boxes
- Newspaper & magazines
- Office paper & junk mail

Plastic

- Cups
- Kitchen & bath bottles & jugs
- Water & drink bottles (with caps on)
- Yogurt cups

Metal

- Aerosol cans (empty, no nozzles)
- Aluminum drink cans
- Metal food cans & lids

Glass

- Beverage bottles
- Food jars (lids removed)



Unaccepted Materials

- Aluminum foil
- Clothes hangers
- Clothing & shoes
- Diapers
- Garden hoses
- Hard plastic
- Household hazardous waste
- Napkins & paper towels
- Needles & medical waste
- Pizza & take-out boxes
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam® packing
- Toys
- Wood & brush/yard waste

Watch for Tricky Items

- **Styrofoam®** - All Styrofoam must go in the brown trash cart. This material breaks apart in the recycling machinery during the process.
- **Diapers** - Diapers, including adult diapers and pet pads, are trash. They must be picked out of the conveyor by hand which is dangerous and a health hazard. The City incurs a fee from the recycling facility for diapers.
- **Certain Types of Paper** - Anything that is foiled, glittered or varnished is not accepted.
- **Tanglers** - Examples of tanglers include hoses, cords, ropes, ribbons, string, and yarn. Tanglers are not accepted as they can get caught in gears at the recycling facility.
- **Single-use plastic bags** - We recommend:
 - » Do not use them at all. Shop with reusable bags.
 - » Take them back to the retail store where you got them.
 - » Never put them loose in the blue recycling cart.
 - » It is better to place them in the brown trash cart.
 - » They are accepted but only if several are bundled together into a ball. That bundle then goes into one single bag which should be tied, and the single bundle can go into the blue cart.

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Electrical Safety

around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas

For many of us, water activities equal fun. But it's important to be aware of electrical hazards while enjoying the water. Know how to be safe around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

- If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.
- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa, or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrocution is death by an electrical shock. Be aware when skin is wet or when surrounding surfaces, such as the grass or pool deck, are wet. Wet skin or wet surfaces can greatly increase the chance of electrocution when electricity is present.

There are several signs of electrical shock. Swimmers may feel a tingling sensation. They may experience muscle cramps. They may not be able to move. They may feel as if something is holding them in place.

If you think someone in the water is being shocked, turn off all power, but do not attempt to go in the water. Use a fiberglass or other kind of rescue hook that doesn't conduct electricity to help the swimmer. Have someone call **9-1-1**.

If you think you are being shocked while in the water move away from the source of the shock. Get out of the water.

FACT

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reports of 14 deaths related to electrocutions in swimming pools from 2003 to 2014. Hot tubs and spas may present the same hazard as swimming pools.



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