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Message from the Board

By Cara Jacobsen

"I'm happiest when floating in a pool."

Can you believe summer is just around the corner? That means our swimming pool is opening in a little less than 2 and a ½ months. We have so little time to prepare and get swimsuit ready! May 13 will be our opening date for weekends only. Memorial Day will mark the pool to be open every day. Pool hours are staying the same at 1pm-9pm.

I'm on the hunt for a Pool Committee. It's the easiest committee really. We get to plan the fun! First pool day popsicles, Memorial Day memories, end of summer shenanigans and, of course, our annual (and awesome) July 4 parade and pool party. I'd love to get the pool events mapped out before we kick off summer so we don't skip a beat and can schedule our vacations so we don't miss anything. If you're interested, please contact the office and they will put you in touch with me.

Did you all know that we're getting a new system that will access the gates for the basketball courts, tennis courts and pool? All of our pool access keys (if unregistered with this new system) were deactivated on November 7. It's super easy to register your pool key. But do it now or it could cause delays for you with accessing any of our gated areas. Go to <https://spectrumam.com/homeowners/access-and-amenities/pool-gate-waiver/> and fill in the blanks. Your key card (device) number is located on the bottom back of the key card. Use the last five digits of the number. Remember, your account needs to have a 0.00 balance (that includes the HOA fees that were due in January). If you have any trouble with the site, email contact@spectrumam.com and they can help.

Other exciting news is that our Pool House is being remodeled! The bathrooms, plumbing and lifeguard station are getting a facelift. We're also going to have access to the bathrooms from OUTSIDE the pool (with use of your keycard) – which will be great for our littles who are enjoying the park and don't want to go into the pool to go to the restroom.

Our swimming pool has been an icon of Encino Park. Our swim team was born here (and is one of the best in the city). Our diving boards are coveted because not many pools still have them. Think of all of the children who learned to dive off of those boards and continue to have competitions each summer! We have made wonderful friends at the pool and enjoyed many celebrations. So let's remember to take care of our pool and the lifeguards who keep us safe. The lifeguards are kids of our neighbors and we want to respect them and also protect them if they need it. We also want to honor the pool rules – they're put in place for a reason.

The summer is about enjoying the sun, our friends, our family and, of course, making memories for years to come. Let's join as a community in making 2023 at our pool one of the best summers ever.



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ENCINO PARK WOMENS’ CLUB

By Donna Morton

Paint & Plant

Spring program fun! *“Paint a bowl /Plant a succulent”*. We welcome owners of Sedum and Such plant nursery who will guide us through the process of hydro-dip painting a 6-inch pot and planting up to 2 succulent plants. The cost is \$35 per person for those wishing to participate. **Payment in advance is encouraged to ensure enough supplies for all wanting to participate. Call Janet at 210 481-9956 with questions.**

Ladies, take note that our March meeting will be Monday, March 20th. We will meet the 3rd Monday in March due to Spring Break. Meeting begins at 7 pm at the EP Community Center. Enjoy a light supper that will be served prior to starting our project. Even if you choose not to participate, you can stay and observe all the fun happening and cheer your friends on!

We are asking all who come to the meeting bring a non-chocolate bag of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. The fun begins on Friday, April 7th at the EP Community Center at 10:00 am SHARP!

EP Women’s Club – April

Join us Monday, April 10 at 7pm for “Wine Tasting”. Wine expert, Beck Mosley will guide us through tasting different wines and will be advising on food pairings.

EP Women’s Club – May

“Scholarship/End of Year Banquet”

Monday, May 8 at 6:30 we will honor our scholarship recipient and family. We will also recognize the outgoing and incoming Women’s Club Board members. This wonderful evening is for Women’s Club members and invited guests.

Out to Lunch



This month, due to spring break and travel schedules on other dates, we will **NOT** be having an out-to-lunch gathering. Watch the April newsletter for the information on the outing for that month and plan to join us! Call Janet at 210-481-9956 for information.

In January ten of us dined at the delightful “Bread Box” at the Alley on Bitters. We were all so happy to be able to return there as that lovely little establishment is a treat to visit. Our food and service were wonderful and we so enjoyed visiting with each other on that cold, rainy day. After lunch a little shopping time was enjoyed by several of us! Thank you to Donna Morton for selecting that restaurant and making the arrangements.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Friday, April 7 at 10:00 am SHARP!

Kids, bring your baskets and get ready for the whistle to begin hunting for brightly colored eggs. The children will be divided by age so the little ones (crawlers and toddlers) have an opportunity to participate. We ask all Encino Park residents to donate a bag of non-chocolate candy/snack or age appropriate toys that will fit in a small plastic egg. Please bring your donations to the Community Center during office hours by Friday, March 30th as we will stuff the eggs on Sunday, April 2nd. This is always a fun and exciting time for the children and parents so bring your cameras and crew for all the festivities!



Night in Old Encino

SATURDAY, APRIL 15
5:00 – 8:00 pm
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FOOD MUSIC
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This is a BYOB Event
Food & non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase

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OVER 50 CLUB

Submitted by Dalia Benzick

Welcome to Spring! For most of us it's great to leave the gray days of winter and start working to improve our homes, especially outdoors.

You can also expand your social horizons by joining our group on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the EP Community Center. We engage in fun but are also a support group when life sends serious challenges to members. Come and be with us. You will be welcome.



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CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Our SAFFE Officer, Arturo Castellanos, provided five tips about vehicle safety:

- 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. It only takes seconds for a criminal to take your vehicle.

If you experience a burglary 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).

SAPD has a new schedule of its Citizens on Patrol classes. If you would like to know how to support our officers by learning what to observe in our neighborhood and how we can take advantage of 311 services, consider this training. 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. The next few classes are scheduled for the following Mondays and Saturdays:



April 10 6:00-9:00pm
May 13 9:00-1:00pm

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

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WE'RE GLAD YOU ASKED!

Q: What is being done about the homeless population in our area?

A: We are all concerned about this issue. We do have a growing issue with several camps being set-up within our neighborhood area. It is hard on many when you see these individuals along the streets especially during the cold weather we have recently experienced. We all want to be a caring and giving community but we need to know the proper way to guide these individuals to the many resources available to them here in San Antonio.

SAFFE Officer Castellanos has been working with some homeless concerns at the old Salvation Army and woods behind the Home Depot. He has been in contact with both property owners to assist with cleanups on their property. He has made arrangements with his outreach team to work with assisting the homeless in the appropriate manner. He has issued criminal trespass warnings for both locations and will conduct an arrest if they violate the warning order.

His advice to us is that we do not offer money to any of these individuals. We are encouraged to contact 311, the nonemergency number at 210-207-7273, or 911 if it is an emergency.

Let's all work on this together. Your questions and concerns are ALWAYS greatly appreciated. Please come and join in at one of our monthly meetings at the community center on the third Tuesday of every month. It is always a win-win for our community when we have everyone getting involved.

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2023 SCHOLARSHIP EPA ESSAY

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

The Encino Park Women’s Club is a service organization that is offering a \$1200 scholarship 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 8th**. Questions may be directed to Jeanne Morton @ 210-364-8325.

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 2023-24 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:

“What is the greatest compliment you have ever been given and why was it meaningful to you?”

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR ESSAY*

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, and any outside employment. Include dates of membership in clubs as well as hours/time for each activity. References are not required but may be considered if submitted.

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5. An individual may receive our scholarship only once.
6. Applicant will write his/her name **only** on the attached “Scholarship Application” form.

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. Your name should only appear on the Scholarship Application.

Place it in an 8x10 envelope marked “Scholarship” and **drop it off no later than 12 noon on Monday April 3rd**, 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. **Remember* do not put your name on your resume or essay.**

ENCINO PARK 2023 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY APPLICATION

NAME (LAST, FIRST): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

YEARS AT THIS ADDRESS: _____

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 12 noon Monday, APRIL 3rd**, 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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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. Here are the streets that 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 Glen**
- Encino Point**
- Encino Rio (1706-1726)**
- Encino Rock**
- Encino Royale (19918-19967)**
- Encino Spur**
- Encino Valley**
- Encino Valley Circle**
- Encino Way (19602-19639)**
- Park Circle**
- Park Hollow**

If you are curious who your Block Captain is or would like to help your Block Captain, please reach out. Many of our Block Captains are covering more than one street and would appreciate the help!

Information about the Block Captain program is located on the EPHOA website <https://www.encinoparkhoa.com/block-captains>, or you can reach out to Daphne Sohocki & Gail Lamb at 210-901-9936 or by email to EPBlockCaptains@gmail.com.

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/>

Thank you for your help in making Encino Park a strong and safe community!




SHREDDING EVENT!

Have Trash Documents? We Can Shred them for you!
Please join us for our Third Annual Shredding event.

Date: Saturday, April 29th
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 a.m.
Place: Encino Park Pool Parking Lot
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By Sharon Reynolds, Neighborhood News Staff Writer

This year, the first day of Spring falls on Monday, March 20, 2023, which is also the spring, or vernal equinox. The spring equinox occurs as the sun crosses the celestial equator vertically from south to north. Equinoxes occur only two times per year. Afterwards, the Northern Hemisphere begins to tilt towards the sun, giving us more hours of daylight. During this time, the Southern Hemisphere experiences the beginning of Autumn, as it is tilted away from the sun thereby providing less hours of daylight and more hours of night.

On February 2, 2023, the groundhog known as Punxsutawney Phil made his appearance in front of hundreds of witnesses thereby assuring us of six more weeks of winter. Statistically, Phil has predicted a long winter 78% of the time and has only been accurate 40% of the time. Additionally, Phil's predictions since 1887 show he is more likely to predict a longer winter and has only predicted an early spring 15% of the time.

Here in South Texas green grass is everywhere with roses blooming and flowers emitting their lovely fragrances. According to the USA National Phenology Network, the south usually experiences spring earlier than everyone else, however, this year,

it came 20 to 25 days earlier, which is remarkable because it has never occurred that early before. Average temperatures have been higher than 6 to 10 degrees above normal in South Texas. These extra warm temperatures make a huge difference for plants and animals which adds to their required number of growing days.

A global warming analysis illustrates that winters are warming up faster than any other season in the United States. In fact, over the past 50 years, the average temperature in winter has warmed by at least one degree Fahrenheit in every state. In addition, 70% of states have seen an increase in temperatures of at least 3 degrees Fahrenheit. Across the world, studies show that the length of winter is also shrinking.

Unfortunately, Phil the groundhog has not taken global warming into consideration in any of his predictions and would most likely be spot on if he had. Happy Spring everyone!

RESOURCES:

- <https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-spring-vernal-equinox>
- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2023/02/01/groundhog-day-spring-winter-2023/>
- <https://www.usanpn.org/news/spring>



Apara Autism Center Expands to San Antonio, Texas in January 2023

On Tuesday, December 27, 2022, Apara Autism Center announced its expansion to San Antonio, Texas as they open the doors to their tenth ABA clinic next month. Founded in 2019 by CEO Tyler Moore, whose daughter is on the autism spectrum, Apara is privately owned and currently has a presence in Houston and Dallas. With a center-based program dedicated to the principles of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy, our clinicians help children ages 18 months up reach their fullest potential. The San Antonio clinic is set to open in January 2023 and is currently enrolling clients for their full and part time programs with no waitlist.

"We are honored to be part of the San Antonio community and to be able to widen access to the highest level of ABA therapy for many families who deserve the best possible care and compassion for their loved ones with our new clinic. With 1 in 44 children facing the challenge of being on the autism spectrum, Apara Autism Center's new San Antonio clinic will provide access to early intervention to many families. We look forward to being a proud member of the San Antonio community," says Apara Autism Centers Chief Operating Officer David Jordan.

To schedule a tour, complimentary consultation, or for questions regarding enrollment, contact us at **844-272-7223** or info@aparaautism.com.



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Faith Bush	12	210-323-6708	Babysitting & pet sitting (5/22)
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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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Watch Out for Oak Wilt!

Spring is the time of year when oaks are most susceptible to oak wilt, a deadly fungal disease that infects and disables the water-conducting system in oak trees. All oaks are susceptible, but some species are more so than others.

With no known cure, methods to control and treatments are expensive and not guaranteed. Here are some tips from our City Arborist for keeping oak wilt at bay.

- Minimize pruning oak trees between **February 1st and July 1st**. This is when the oak wilt fungus is most active.
- The best time to prune oak trees is either in the middle of the summer, when temperatures are the hottest, or in the late fall/early winter months when temperatures can be the coldest.
- Paint all cuts and wounds on oak trees within 30 minutes.
- Remove red oaks identified with oak wilt.
- Know where your firewood comes from. Don't transport unseasoned firewood from diseased red oaks.
- Make sure contractors doing tree pruning have a valid, city-issued tree maintenance license and proper training.

For more information on oak wilt, go to www.texasoakwilt.org and search under "tree preservation." Or contact the Texas A&M Forest Service at (210) 494-1742 if you have questions or suspect that oak wilt is in your neighborhood.

ANIMALS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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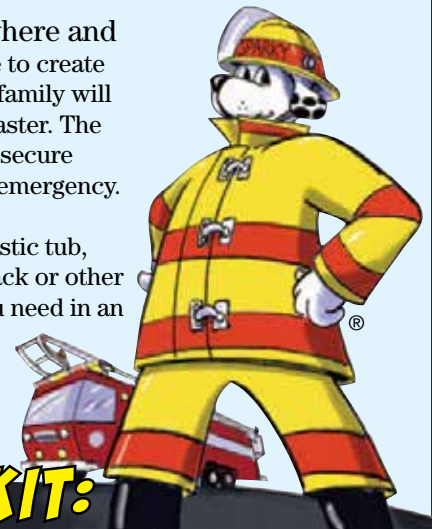
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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT:

- Water – one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation — store 3-day supply
- Ready-to-eat food, canned juices, comfort/stress foods — at least a 3-day supply
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and a NOAA weather radio, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Non-prescription drugs such as pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, laxative
- Prescription medications, contact lenses and supplies, denture needs
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Water and pet food if you have pets
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt to filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Aluminum foil
- A jacket or coat, hat and gloves
- A complete change of clothing including long pants, long sleeve shirt, and sturdy shoes stored in a waterproof container.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Rain gear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Paper towels
- Tent
- Compass
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Signal flare
- Paper, pencil
- Personal hygiene items
- Soap
- Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. Remember to include emergency contact numbers.
- Passport, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies
- Books, games puzzles, portable music device

NOTE: Replace food every six months. Re-think your kit and family needs once a year. Replace batteries and update clothes, etc.

My Personal Pack Checklist

Have children create their personal pack. Have them include things like their favorite book or stuffed animal. These familiar things will help keep them comfortable during an emergency.

- ✓ Change of clothes
- ✓ Blanket
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Favorite toy
- ✓ Paper, pencils and crayons



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IS SAN ANTONIO **NEXT?**

Outside activists want to dupe you into believing that **PROPOSITION A** is about “decriminalizing pot.” **IT’S NOT.**

Their goal is to **DECRIMINALIZE** many crimes including **SHOPLIFTING, THEFT & GRAFFITI**

(up to \$750 per incident/\$2,500 for graffiti)

No arrests, no jail time. They want to keep criminals out of jail, and on the streets... free to steal, scam, spread urban decay, hurt homeowners and destroy businesses like they have in other cities.

These outside activists tricked voters in other cities with devastating consequences.

Now they are coming for us...

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