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## Message from the Board

By Kevin Nickels

It's been an eventful summer in Encino Park. We thank all the residents who came to our Independence Day Parade and Celebration at the pool. It was great to see all the kiddos with their wagons, bikes, and on foot at the parade, enjoying hot dogs and sausages on the grill, and of course the ever-popular belly-flop competition!

While we just missed getting it up for the celebration, there is a new shade canopy at the pool – that will be a nice addition during the hot days of August. Even though it will still be hot, remember that the pool transitions to weekends-only starting August 6th up until September 25th, where it'll be closed for the season.

This fall, you'll also see some significant improvements to the park! The board has approved money to refurbish and expand the main structure, targeted to the 5–12 year old kids, and we are looking forward to seeing your kiddos crawling all over it soon. Keep an eye open for announcements about park committee meetings, as we discuss next steps for the park.

The board is also taking a close look at the rock wall that runs along Encino Rio, to ensure that it is safe and nice looking for years into the future. We do look carefully at all YOUR community property to keep it in good shape – if you notice something, please contact the office by sending a note to [contact@encinoparkhoa.com](mailto:contact@encinoparkhoa.com) or leaving a voicemail at 210-497-3022 to share your concerns.

If you haven't done so, please sign up to receive emails at <https://spectrumam.com/> to get announcements of board meetings, committee meetings, and other local events.

Enjoy the rapidly disappearing part of the summer, and best of luck as you get back to school!



## ENCINO PARK WOMEN'S CLUB

By Holly Slaughter

Emphasis on **YOU!** Monday, September 12, Dr. Meredith Noll, Physical Therapist will be our guest speaker. Improve your week by meeting with us on Monday, September 12, 7pm at our Community Center.

Encino Park Women's meeting offers fun, food, fellowship, and an informative evening. Please make plans to join us!



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**OVER 50 CLUB**

**By Dalia Benzick, Club Reporter**

The summer doldrums are here; not much to report as we are all just coping with the heat and avoiding high-risk situations. Instead of watching TV reruns and moping at home, come join us on the first and third Tuesday of the month. We meet at 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in the very cool EP Community Center for fun and fellowship. Just bring a sack lunch; a volunteer will supply drinks and dessert. Be safe and hope to see you!

We will resume our lunches this month by returning to one of our favorite “local” places– BJ’s Restaurant and Brewhouse in the Village at Stone Oak at 281 and TPC Parkway. BJ’s has an extensive menu of delicious foods of numerous types – from soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, and pizzas to pasta dishes and ribs. We will go on **Tuesday, August 23rd at 11:30 a.m.** Please call Janet at 210-481-9956 by Sunday the 21st if you plan to go. Carpooling will be available.



We took July off but in June we had a wonderful time at Ida Claire Restaurant in the Quarry. Ten of us enjoyed dining on their delicious varieties of cuisine and had a great time visiting with each other in that summer month. Our service was excellent, and a good time was had by all. Thank you to **Donna Morton** for selecting that restaurant and making the arrangements.

Out-to-Lunch is a purely social event open to all EP ladies and friends. We enjoy visiting a different restaurant every month and visiting with each other while we dine on delicious foods. Come and join in on our good time!



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 August 28th @2pm



## Great Opportunity to Introduce Your Business to our Residents!

We are currently collecting items from local businesses to include in our Encino Park San Antonio Neighbors Together “Goodie Bags” that will be handed out to residents on Oct. 4th.

We are estimating 450 residents from the 1065 homes in Encino Park will be coming together again this year at block parties and multi-street gatherings on the evening of October 4th to celebrate San Antonio Neighbors Together (previously called National Night Out).

For more details on how to join in this great opportunity:

- EPHOA Residents:** Make sure you are registered with our EPHOA management company, Spectrum Association Management, at [www.spectrumam.com](http://www.spectrumam.com) so you will receive the information we will be emailing out.
- Call or email Daphne Sohocki & Gail Lamb, Encino Park Block Captains Co-Committee Chairs, at 210-901-9936 and [epblockcaptains@gmail.com](mailto:epblockcaptains@gmail.com).
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**Cheers!**

Daphne Sohocki & Gail Lamb  
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## Annual Open Meeting August 28th at 2pm for Block Captains, Neighborhood Ambassadors and ALL EPHOA Residents!

On the last Sunday in August at 2pm each year, the Encino Park HOA Block Captain Committee holds a “virtual” get-together. We discuss our plans for the upcoming annual October neighborhood event now called San Antonio Neighbors Together. The main purpose of this event in October is to organize and unite neighborhoods against crime. It has been proven that in communities where neighbors know each other, there are lower crime rates.

Last year in Encino Park our Block Captains and Neighborhood Ambassadors held 20 events, and some many multi-street gatherings for San Antonio Neighbors Together! Here in 2022 we now have 70% of the EP streets with a Block Captain and are down to only 24 streets without coverage! We are a really great community when it comes to resident participation.

So if you are curious which streets are not covered or want to learn more, email, text or RSVP now to receive the ZOOM link to come to the virtual meeting!

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**Q: How much longer will we be able to beat the heat at the pool?**

A: We are happy to hear you are enjoying the pool, a lot of hard work and improvements have gone into making the pool enjoyable for all. Starting Saturday, August 6th we will be going to weekends only. The pool will close for the season on Sunday, September 25th at 9pm. Make sure you have your pool card, if you have lost your card, you can obtain a replacement card for \$10 at the EPHOA office with a check or money order.

If you have not already done so, please visit: [www.SpectrumAM.com](http://www.SpectrumAM.com) to register your account to receive emails, announcements of HOA meetings, check our calendar for upcoming events and pay your annual assessments.



# CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Committee met in July and discussed the Northside Captain's quarterly readout:

- He reported that the City's Human Services department has been clearing out homeless encampments throughout the city. Even though District 9 has the least amount of encampments, there were six cleared so far this year. Citizens can report homeless encampments to 311 or SAPD non-emergency number (210-207-7273).
- Panhandling continues in the north. SAPD advises that if panhandlers continue to get money, it enables them to avoid available resources.
- Vehicle burglaries continue. Guns, valuables, catalytic converters are the target.
- There is a highly organized criminal operation in San Antonio that observes customers who go to the bank and withdraw cash. They may accost in the parking lot or follow the person home or to their destination and rob them. So be alert.

Last month it was reported that Steve, the peacock, had been hanging around Encino Cliff. Unfortunately, Steve was the victim of a traffic accident. Some kids are playing outside so please drive the speed limit or slower. If out at night, wear white or light clothing.

If you see something, don't post it to NextDoor only, email our SAFFE Officer at [joel.freeman@sanantonio.gov](mailto: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 7PM in the Community Center for 30-45 min. All residents are welcome.

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Due to paper and printing supply chain issues, there may be a delay in the delivery of your newsletter. However, we are doing our best to get print products out in a timely manner. We encourage residents to sign up for the e-newsletter so that you have access to the newsletter on time.

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# Great Springs Trail will link San Antonio and Austin

Many San Antonians enjoy the trails that link our local parks. But did you know that a statewide group is working to create a hike and bike trail that will run all the way from San Antonio to Austin?

The Great Springs Project is planned to link the two cities with a 100-mile route that connects four natural springs: San Antonio Springs, Comal Springs, San Marcos Springs, and Barton Springs. In addition to recreational purposes, the goal of the trail is to protect our state's water resources and their watersheds.

Scott Parker, land transactions director for the project, said it grew out of discussions 10 years ago on how to preserve the state's green spaces amid a fast-growing population. Three years ago, the Great Springs Project was formed as a private nonprofit organization.

Some of the land is already available, but project staff estimate that 50,000 more acres are needed to create a narrow linear park along the trail. It is estimated that the project will be completed in 2036, though major sections of it will be finished years before that, Mr. Parker said.

It is estimated that after completion, the project will provide \$55.9 million in economic benefits to the South and Central Texas region, he said. For more information about the project, go to: [www.greatspringsproject.org](http://www.greatspringsproject.org).



## City Property Tax Exemptions Increase

Amid rising property values and higher tax bills, there is some good news. City Council voted to increase our city tax exemptions, starting with this year's tax bill. Here are the details:

- The homestead exemption will increase from a flat \$5,000 to 10 percent of valuation.
- The exemption for residents 65 and older will increase from \$65,000 to \$85,000 of property valuation.
- The exemption for disabled residents will increase from \$12,500 to \$85,000 of property valuation.

All these increases will take effect with this year's tax bill. While city taxes are only 20 percent of our total tax bill — most of which is school taxes — every bit helps.

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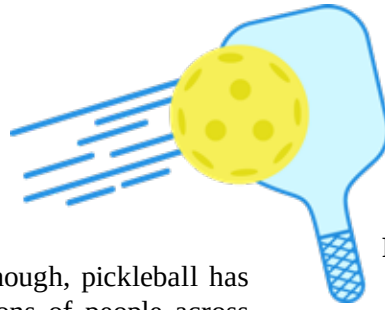
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# All About Pickleball

By Sharon Reynolds,  
Neighborhood News Staff Writer



side to hitting the ball out of bounds. With the other team serving, your team has a better chance at net of returning your opponent's serve to score more points. Some say the most points are won in this scenario.

## Rule #2: Two-bounce Rule (one bounce per side)

Rule number two is typically the most forgotten rule of the game. When serving the ball, it must bounce only once before your opponent's team returns the ball, then can only bounce once when the server's side returns the ball. After these two bounces, the two-bounce rule is complete, and players can play the ball in the air or let it bounce moving forward.

## Rule #3: Serving at the baseline.

This is the most important rule of the game. Officially, the serve must be done at the baseline. Pickleball regulations state that the serve must be an underhand serve with the ball held below the waistline. As of January 1, 2022, the drop serve is no longer provisional and is now an official rule of the game. The serve must be sent diagonally to the opposite side of the court. Failure to follow this rule results in a fault, and the serve goes to your teammate, or directly to the opponent if you are playing singles.

## Rule #4: The serve can't land in the no-volley zone.

The no-volley zone is the area on both sides of the net that is inside the lined box found 7 feet from the net. Some players call this area the 'kitchen line', so if you hear someone say, 'stay out of the kitchen', you now know what that means. Serves must go beyond the no volley zone, or 'kitchen line'. Just remember the ball must bounce once on each side before dropping the ball 'in the kitchen'.

## Rule #5: The game ends at 11 or 15 points.

Pickleball ends when one team reaches 11 points. However, the winner must beat their opponent by at least 2 points. So, if one team has 11 and the other team has 10, the game continues. Typically, teams switch sides of the court halfway through the game.

Pickleball is a fun sport that doesn't require strong physical exertion. Make sure you check out the new 2022 Pickleball Rule Changes at [www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/10-pickleball-rule-changes-to-learn-for-2022](http://www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/10-pickleball-rule-changes-to-learn-for-2022)

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Pickleball. Enough said. Seriously though, pickleball has become a favorite pastime for millions of people across the country. The sport was first invented in 1965, so it has been around for a while. No one really knows why it has gained so much traction over the past few years, but with few rules and even less equipment, pickleball is a way of life for many.

Pickleball combines three common games including tennis, ping pong, and badminton. Players utilize a plastic ball with holes and a paddle to play. There are only 5 main rules to pickleball thereby making it an easy game to learn and does not require strenuous physical activity, which is great!

Below are the five rules of pickleball. I've expanded on the nuances to give you a competitive advantage in the sport.

## Rule #1: The ball must stay inbounds.

Like most sports that involve a ball, if the ball is hit out of bounds, then the other team gets the serve. Do not be discouraged if this happens to your team. There is a bright

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Julia Hendrix	15	210-363-7642	Babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking
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## Homemade Big Red Ice Cream

Recipe by Sharon Reynolds, Neighborhood News

### Ingredients:

- 2 liters Big Red soda
- 2 cans sweetened condensed milk
- 1 - 16 oz. heavy cream
- ¼ cup of sugar (granulated)
- 1 large bag of ice (*at least 10 lbs.*)
- 1 box rock salt
- 1 - 4-quart ice cream maker



### Instructions:

In your ice cream container pour Big Red soda, heavy cream, sugar, and both cans of sweetened condensed milk. I like to use Eagle Brand, but you can use any that you prefer. Stir until all ingredients are mixed well.

Place container in ice cream maker and add a layer ice, then a layer of rock salt, then a layer of ice, and so on until the ice cream maker is full of ice.

\*If you have a different type of ice cream maker, please follow the manufacturer's instructions. This recipe will work in any ice cream machine.

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