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Message from the Board

By Cara Jacobsen



Greetings,

For 40 years, Encino Park has been a top tier community in San Antonio. We have the best neighbors, the prettiest houses (did you know we are made up of over 14 different builders?), a beautiful park to play in with tennis courts, a basketball court and, of course, our stunning pool. As you know, our pool is the staple of summertime. We celebrate big events, have diving board competitions and build great memories at our pool.

With that being said, our pool is 40 years old. We have undergone multiple repairs, resurfacing, and even rebuilt the pool house this past year. In May of this year, our long-time pool company noticed that we were losing at least two inches of water a day. After researching the water loss, they recommended that we have the pool checked for a leak – of which was confirmed. We have literally filled our pool two times a week and are paying double in chemicals to keep the pool maintained and up to par for our community. In early June, a crack in the foundation of the pool developed and is slowly deteriorating the surface of the pool, showing that the leak is definitely present.

To repair the leak, the pool would need to be closed for two weeks, as long as the repair company does not find any other problems. Sadly, with a 40 year pool, and a leak that has already started to show on the surface, the chances are high that the pool would have an extended closure.

After several long discussions, we on the Board have voted that the pool will remain open through Labor Day Monday. During normal seasons, the pool would remain open until September 30, but this year the pool will close on Tuesday, September 5. Please understand this was a very hard decision. We know the importance of the pool and the summer enjoyment. But we also know the crucial need to repair whatever is happening underneath the pool and the surrounding foundation so we can continue year after year of our beautiful amenity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Encino Park office at 210-497-3022.



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AN EPIC EVENT

ENCINO PARK INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Playdate in the Park: July 8th

June’s event was another successful and fun time, with over 50 people enjoying the park, along with free coffee and donuts! At our next playdate on **July 8th**, we’ll be switching from coffee to iced tea during this hot weather. We’ll still have donuts for all!!



Pool Fun: Pool is Open thru September 30th

The EPIC will be supporting the Pool Committee’s activities this summer. This is a great opportunity to get your feet wet (pardon the pun) volunteering to help with fun events at the pool. Look for more information from the Pool Committee.

Coming this Fall: October 23rd

We are planning some fun events for the Fall! Back by popular demand will be the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off with a Fall festival flair on **October 23**. More details to come!

Join Us!

Get involved and join EPIC by helping plan and volunteer for fun events for Encino Park! 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

Between vacations and trying to stay cool, the group will not meet this month. We will resume in August so watch for this article with the details. We did not meet in May either, but enjoyed our June outing to Aldino’s in the Vineyard. We EP ladies and friends have fun exploring different restaurants and visiting with each other in a non-structured and casual setting, so plan to join us! Call Janet at 210-481-9956 with questions. Stay cool!





ENCINO PARK WOMENS' CLUB

By Donna Morton

ENCINO PARK MARKET DAYS

October 7, 2023

9am to 6pm

Encino Park Community Center
1923 Encino Rio



Admission and Parking is always free!

Come out and shop the dozens of local vendors selling a wide variety of wares including jewelry, home décor, seasonal items, food, clothing, crafts and so much more!

Vendor space is still available! For additional information e-mail: epmarketdays@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Encino Park Women's Club to benefit the EP Community and the EP Scholarship program!

CALLING ALL VENDORS!!

We are currently in the process of accepting applications for vendors who want to have a day of great sales at this annual Encino Park event.

There will be vendors selling all types of items, local school performances and food available.

This year we are trying something different and will only be holding the event for one day – **Saturday, October 7th.**

Enclosed in the newsletter you will find the vendor application and general information. If you have further questions, please contact one of the co-chairs, **Elice Palmer or Cindy Craft at epmarketdays@gmail.com.**

The monies made from our fun Market Days are used to support the Encino Park neighborhood and to fund our annual Scholarship prize. We look forward to successful Fall shopping at our amazingly fun Market Days!



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ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____ E-MAIL: _____

List and describe your crafts **THOROUGHLY AND ACCURATELY**. Include a photograph(s) which is representative of your item(s) to be sold:

BOOTH FEES:

INSIDE: **Banquet Area 4'x6'** Indicate # of Spaces _____ x \$70.00 (6' table & 1 chairs incl.)

Bay Area 9'x9' Indicate # of Spaces _____ x \$70.00 (6' table & 1 chairs incl.)

PARK Area 10'x10' Indicate # of Spaces _____ x \$70.00

PREMIUM Front Yard/Driveway 10'x10' Indicate # of Spaces _____ x \$75.00

Will you be using a generator? YES or NO

Payment can also be made by PayPal to: @EncinoParkWomensClub

An additional fee of \$5.00 must be included when paying via PayPal

***** NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 6th, 2023 *****

Applications received **AFTER September 6th**, must include an additional **\$25.00 and MUST be in guaranteed funds (cashier's check or money order)**. Applications will be returned if additional fee is not included.

RELEASE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I hereby make application to participate in the EPWC's Market Days @ Encino Park event to be held October 7, 2023 at the Encino Park Community Center. I have read and hereby agree to abide by the regulations & conditions set forth in the EPWC's 2023 General Information Sheet and this Application.

I hereby release & forever discharge the EPWC & Encino Park Homeowner's Assoc., its officers and members from any responsibility, personal liability, loss, claims or damage arising out of or in connection with this event.

Vendor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail the **SIGNED APPLICATION, PHOTOS & CHECK/MONEY ORDER** made payable to:

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Market Days and General Information

1. There are two inside areas: The Bay Area (9'x9' booth space) and the Banquet Area (4'x6' booth space with 6' table & 1 chair provided).
2. Outside booth spaces are approximately 10'x10' and are located either on concrete or grass. Vendors must provide their own protection from the elements. A canopy is recommended.
3. Display backdrop (provided by exhibitor) **not to exceed 6' in height**. No display backdrops may be used at indoor table spaces.
4. One vendor per booth only, with **no subletting, sharing or re-leasing** of the booth space.
5. All vendors are expected to **operate for the full duration of the Market Days event**.
6. The staff will assign vendor locations. Returning vendors may request specific locations, and every effort will be made to honor requests, but cannot be guaranteed.
7. Pictures of crafts or items to be sold must be provided with the application form. EPWC reserves the right to make the final decision regarding acceptance. We ask that all art/merchandise be in good taste and that you **DO NOT** display nudes, profanity, obscenity or objectionable materials. The EPWC reserves the right to ask any vendor to remove a specific item or entire booth for failure to comply with these guidelines and no refunds will be given.
8. For Vendors who are interested in selling home-made food items, this website should answer all your questions: <http://www.texascottagefoodlaw.com>. Be advised that we are not responsible, nor do we have any knowledge about the lawful manner to do this. We simply provide you with a rental space for the weekend.
9. Your reservation is not final until payment has been received. **There is a \$25 returned check fee that must be paid before the event** if your check is returned by your bank to us.
10. In September, you will receive a confirmation email which will include your booth location, additional event information and flyers. Please help us help you by copying/emailing the flyers and passing them out and/or displaying them at other shows.
11. Market Days @ Encino Park is advertised in many ways: ad in the SA Express News, banners on highly trafficked streets, neighborhood newsletters, flyers, Facebook, many craft fair websites and on our HOA web page.
12. Set up for inside vendors will begin Friday night from 6-8pm. Doors will close promptly at 8pm and re-open on Saturday morning at 7:00am. **NO EPWC ORGANIZERS WILL BE ON THE PREMISES UNTIL 6PM FRIDAY**. It is imperative that once you have unloaded, you move your vehicle so that other vendors can unload.
13. There is no security provided on Friday night. Any vendor setting up on Friday does so at their own risk.
14. **DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLE AROUND THE PARK / COMMUNITY CENTER DURING SHOW HOURS**. Encino Rio Street Parking should be available for your customers! Vendor parking is at the pool parking lot or side streets (Creek Country or Creek Hill).

15. All vendors participating in our show **MUST** upon checking in donate an item from your product line for our EPWC Holiday Silent Auction. All monies raised are donated to a local charity.
16. Each vendor is responsible for removing from their booth and any trash/garbage.
17. Alcoholic beverages of any kind are not allowed. Food and drinks will be sold. A vendor may bring in food/drink for personal consumption. Smoking is not permitted.
18. **Add \$25.00 for any applications postmarked after September 6th. All payments made after September 6th must be in guaranteed funds (cashier's check or money order). Entry fee will not be refunded after September 6, 2023.**
19. **Should COVID-19 Guidelines prevent gatherings of large groups or have restrictions that impact Market Days full refunds will be given.**

MARKET DAYS @ ENCINO PARK WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

Market Days @ Encino Park is one of the premier events of our EPWC that is enjoyed by so many on the first weekend in October. We look forward to another successful show. See you in October!

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact: Cindy Craft at epmarketdays@gmail.com or by cell at 210-850-7602.



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OVER 50 CLUB

Submitted by Dalia Benzick

Summer is now here and as usual, promises long, sunny and very hot days. Stay cool and have fun twice a month by joinin the Over 50 group on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:30 a.m.in the EP Community Center. Bring your sack lunch; drinks and dessert are provided by a volunteer. Delicious treats are served all the time, so meet your neighbors and make new friends. We will not meet on the July 4th holiday but will resume on July 18th. Independence Day trivia: The 4th of July was not declared a national holiday until 1938!



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 carajacobsen68@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 by 2pm)
- 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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ENCINO PARK'S BLOCK CAPTAIN PROGRAM

Informational Meeting August 27, 2023 2pm via Zoom for Block Captains, Neighborhood Ambassadors and ALL EPHOA Residents Who Want to Attend!

The Encino Park Block Captains Committee will be holding our annual Informational Meeting at 2pm on the last Sunday in August. This "virtual" get-together is for ALL Encino Park neighbors interested in learning more about the Encino Park Block Captains program, and about our plans for the annual October national night out neighborhood event called San Antonio Neighbors Together (SANT) which is the first Tuesday in October.

San Antonio Neighbors Together is a community outreach initiative intended to bring neighborhoods together, foster a police-community relationship, and to organize and unite neighborhoods against crime. It has been proven that in communities where neighbors know each other, there are lower crime rates!

We will share event ideas, informational resources, and discuss supplies available to our EP Block Captains and Neighborhood Ambassadors for this year's annual SANT event. Ideas for the types of activities you can choose for that day which can range from as little as asking your neighbors to turn on their porch lights at 7:00pm, handing out the EP Goodie Bags we put together, to having an outside block party potluck!

All Encino Park neighbors are welcome to attend our virtual Information Meeting. Please join us even if it is just to hear the information available and to spend time with some of your EP neighbors! Just by spending a little time hanging out and getting to know your neighbors contributes to helping make Encino Park a strong and safe community!

PLEASE RSVP to receive the ZOOM link for the virtual meeting at this link <https://bit.ly/3nUbqH8> or scan this code:



Block Captain Calendar of Events

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

8/27/23 2pm–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 1pm–4pm – **Goodie Bag Stuffing Day**. Volunteers needed!

9/27/23 – **Goodie Bag Pick Up from EPHOA** – 4pm–6pm. 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 58 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> or scan this code.



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Just like you would for your pets, it's important to plan ahead to help your plants survive the separation.

Here are a few tips to get you started:

1. If it hasn't rained in the past 10-14 days, water your lawn deeply before you leave.
2. Vegetable gardens and container plants will need watering every third day or so — enlist the help of a friendly neighbor.
3. Mow the lawn one day before you leave, but don't lower the mower blades as it will stress the lawn.
4. "Deadhead" spent perennials and annual flowers.
5. Add mulch to areas where there is none to help plants retain water and reduce soil temperature.
6. Harvest all ripe or nearly ripe vegetables (Give some to the kind neighbor tending to your garden!). It will soon be time to start the fall vegetables in mid-August.
7. Soak houseplants thoroughly and store them in a bathtub or large cattle trough with a few inches of water; the plants will absorb it as needed through the container drain hole.

Now that you've prepared your plants, rest easy knowing they'll be alive and well when you return. Enjoy that vacation!



RECIPE CORNER

Cheesecake Stuffed Strawberries



Try these easy red, white, and blue Cheesecake Stuffed Strawberries for a healthier patriotic dessert! A super easy to make, no-bake dessert that is light, fruity and delicious. Low carb and keto friendly.

INGREDIENTS:

- 24 + large fresh strawberries (1 ½ to 2 lbs, depends on how much you fill them)
- 1 (8oz) package cream cheese, room temperature or softened slightly
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup fresh blueberries

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut the stems from the strawberries, so the strawberries can sit cut-side down.
2. Cut a deep "X" from the tip down, being careful not to cut all the way through.
3. Beat the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla in a bowl with a hand mixer until nice and fluffy.
4. Gently open up each strawberry and pipe the filling inside using a pastry bag or zip-top bag with a star piping tip. Don't have a pastry bag or piping tip? Just cut off the corner of a zip-top bag and squeeze the cheesecake filling inside the strawberries that way.
5. Top each filled strawberry with a blueberry. These are best served after the strawberries have been chilled for at least an hour. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator up to 3 days depending on how firm/soft the strawberries are.



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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)
Vincent Prusinsky	18	210-722-5545	Lawn Mowing, trim hedges, weed eating, power washing services, Pet sitting, dog walking (12/22)
Caleb Schoellhorn	14	210-996-9163	Lawn work (7/23)
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SAN ANTONIO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

APRIL 2023 SUMMARY REPORT

SERVICE REQUESTS

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Requests received during reporting period.

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Today**

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The recent winter storm in Texas made it essential for us to be prepared for the next weather emergency. We discovered our critical needs were water and electricity, which is typically the case in extreme weather disasters.

The most notable weather emergencies in our part of the state and surrounding areas are hurricanes, tornados, rain/hailstorms, and flooding. Severe weather emergencies sometimes happen when we least expect: Be prepared and avoid personal injury and property damage by doing some preliminary planning.

Our Gulf Coast hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30 and can cause winds as high as 100 mph and severe thunderstorms capable of producing large hail and wind gusts over 58 mph. We have no control when, where, or how disasters strike, but we can do some planning to prepare to deal with a disaster.

In case of evacuation, a bag/kit packed with emergency/disaster supplies. Sometimes called a Get Home Bag (GHB) or Bug-out Bag (BOB), you should include:

- Fresh water
- Flashlights and batteries
- Non-perishable foods and snacks (simple, easy to prepare)
- Extra clothing
- Blanket/sleeping bag
- Medications/prescription information
- List of emergency contact numbers
- Important documents to include car, medical, and homeowner's insurance.
- First aid kit including hygiene products/toiletries
- Communication devices with chargers
- Battery-operated or hand-cranked radio

Your GHB should only contain very basic necessities. Your bag is only meant to protect you when you must shelter-in-place or leave your home for a short period of time during a natural disaster.

We should always be alert and monitor our local weather updates and emergency instructions, especially during hurricane season. Keep an emergency bag packed and your vehicle fueled in case you must evacuate your home. Stay prepared. Keep your emergency bag packed and be aware and understand the type of hazardous weather that can affect you and your family where you live.

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