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Message from the Board

By Doug Bock



Spring is Here.

Time to get up, get out and get moving! As we welcome spring and the warmer weather, it's a great time to remind residents of some things to do in the neighborhood:

Pickleball is here!

Did you know that pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country? It is a game that can be played on a tennis court and it combines some of the elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. It's popular because it's easy to learn and is appropriate for all ages and skill levels. And we now have our very own court right here in Encino Park!

Tennis court #1 recently had markings added to it to accommodate both tennis and pickleball. If you've got the equipment, a paddle and a pickleball, and you're ready to try out the court, the next step is to go to the Encino Park website, www.encinoparkhoa.com and sign up to reserve the court.

To gain access to the tennis court, pool and basketball courts, go to our community website, www.encinoparkhoa.com / Amenities / Tennis Court / Amenity Card Waiver. Complete the form and bring it to the EPHOA office during regular business hours. The courts are open from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM and reservations are recommended.

Little Library

The Little Library was installed in the fall of 2021 in the park area near the spider climber. Girl Scout Troop 764 donated the material and built the Little Library, and they also maintain the structure. The premise of the library is to encourage reading of all ages. Take a Book, Leave a Book.

Night in Old Encino Park

Join your neighbors for a night of great food, music, raffle items and more while supporting neighborhood groups. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 4:00 - 8:00 PM at the Encino Park Community Center and Park.



Just a friendly reminder to the parents of kids walking home from school. Please remind your children, for their own safety, to not walk on top of the stone wall on Encino Rio. Several homeowners have noticed and expressed concern about the kids doing this.



Board & Committee Contacts
Not available online.

Non-Emergency Numbers

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ENCINO PARK ANNUAL COMMUNITY

GARAGE SALE

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AND MANY MORE!

Friday, May 6th and
Saturday, May 7th, 2022



A friendly reminder that no illegal dumping of trash (including household, landscape debris, or bulky items) is permitted within the neighborhood, park, or the Community Center area. Please respect your neighbors and dispose of trash in your own trash bins or take your waste to the city dump.

Leaving trash in a neighbor's yard or in any greenbelt area, creates a negative impact on the entire community. It lowers property values, can create serious health issues, and is simply disrespectful.

Let's all strive to maintain a respectable neighborhood we can be proud of! We love Encino Park, and we know you do, too! **Thank you for your cooperation.**

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50 OVER 50 CLUB

By Dalia Benzick
Club Reporter

Gosh, last week it seemed that spring was here, and we got fooled again. Nevertheless, the Over 50 group will gather in our Community Center, share lunch and dessert, socialize with neighbors, discuss Encino Park business, and follow-up with fun games. For extra good times, some of us are joining the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch outings.

We invite you to join us on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center. For information, call the EP office (210-497-3022) and we will call you back.

A little Easter trivia: The "Easter Bunny" was invented by German Protestants as a way of providing treats to well-behaved children. The symbolism is not particularly religious but like Santa Claus, it's something fun to do with kids.

ENCINO PARK EASTER EGG HUNT

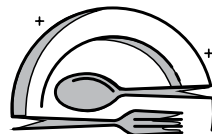
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(Good) FRIDAY, APRIL 15th
10:00 a.m. sharp!

(Recommend arriving 10-15 minutes early)

Photos with the
Easter Bunny!

Don't forget
your Basket!

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Encino Park Women's Club



**We will dine
this month at**
The Purple Garlic Café
at 1509 San Pedro Ave.,
Suite 115, in Hollywood Park.



It is billed as being an "easygoing destination presenting Italian food and homemade pizza in a colorful space." Many of us remember dining with them when they were in the Frost Bank shopping center at Thousand Oaks and San Pedro, and I'm sure many more have visited their Austin Highway location. You will see a wide variety of delicious sounding items on their menu. We will go on **TUESDAY, APRIL 26, AT 11:30.** Call Janet at [redacted] by Friday the 22nd if you plan to go. Carpooling will be available.

In February we enjoyed, once again, the delicious Louisiana cuisine of Bourbon Street Seafood Kitchen. Fourteen of us had a great time visiting and dining. Our service there was wonderful, and we each topped the meal off with a slice of Mardi Gras King cake.

All EP ladies and friends are invited to
join us on our dining outings!

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CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Committee met on March 2 to discuss our observations as we patrolled the neighborhood. There was nothing out of the ordinary that we noticed. Our SAFFE Officer continues to advise us about car burglaries being committed regularly throughout the city. SAPD wants us to reinforce the practice of removing valuables from and locking our vehicles. Many of the burglaries are on vehicles left unlocked and valuables including weapons left inside. So, please heed the warning. Our Constables had only two incidences reported for the month. That's good news!

SAPD offers Citizens on Patrol classes where you learn how to support law enforcement, what types of situations should be called to 311 and which to SAPD, and what to observe in our neighborhood to ensure its safety. The next classes (see below) will be held at the Northeast substation located at 13030 Jones Maltsberger. For any questions, you may contact Officer Cathalina Schneider at 210-207-5182.

Citizens on Patrol Training

Saturday, April 16 – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Saturday, May – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please pass the word: posting to NextDoor is not reporting to law enforcement. Our SAFFE Officer welcomes email inquiries and reports: joel.freeman@sanantonio.gov.

Be sure to report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number (210-207-7273 or 210-335-4750).

If you would like to know how to keep our neighborhood safe and to chat with our law enforcement officers, please consider joining this Committee. Committee meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Community Center and usually last 30-45 minutes. Take care and be safe.

ENCINO PARK TO HOST DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, 9am - 5pm
Rain or Shine, Community Center

The San Antonio Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing millions of pounds of food to more than 500 charitable organizations in Southwest Texas serving those in need. In addition to food distribution, the San Antonio Food Bank provides numerous programs that not only solve the immediate problems of hunger, but help individuals and families gain long-term food security.

Our board members generously agreed to donate the use of our community center for our first Encino Park Community Food Drive. We are very fortunate to live in such a wonderful community with charitable neighbors. If every house in our neighborhood only donated one food item, we could raise over 1,000 food items for those that are struggling to make ends meet. Let's see if we can reach that goal neighbors!

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ENCINO PARK WOMEN'S CLUB

By Holly Slaughter



Howdy!

The Women's Club ventured out to a delicious dinner at Milano Italian Grill for our February "Galentine's" meeting, with 25 lovely ladies from Encino Park joining us. We really enjoyed our special time together.

At our March 14th meeting, we played Bingo. Photos and a short recap will be posted in the May newsletter.

Our EPWC meeting on **April 11th** will include a **wine-tasting**, which is always a member-favorite event! We will also hold an election for next year's executive board.

The Easter Egg Hunt is happening on Good Friday, April 15th. Don't worry, the kids are out of school that day! We will mark off separate sections for different age groups in the community center and in the park, so the littles aren't run over by the bigger kids. The egg collecting begins **promptly at 10:00 am**, so be there early with your baskets! Bring your camera to get pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th are the dates for the Encino Park **neighborhood garage sale** this year. The Women's Club pays for advertising in the San Antonio Express-News and publicizes it on numerous other online and social media sites. Each individual home having a garage/yard sale should get a permit from the city of San Antonio. You can get one online very easily, or at HEB.



The Women's Club at Milano Italian Grill for our February "Galentine's" meeting.



Our final meeting of the EPWC is going to be a **banquet** on May 9th, where we honor our scholarship winners and volunteers, and we introduce the new executive board. This event is catered and members are welcome to bring guests for a nominal fee.

HOME REPAIR WORD SEARCH

(answers on page 6)



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Question:

I heard there was a fire in the neighborhood that possibly started with water heater, furnace, or by some other means. How can we as homeowners avoid such a mishap?

Answer:

1. Electrical wiring maybe out of date on older homes.

• Is your electrical wiring outdated?

Faulty wiring is the leading cause of residential fires, according to a 2009 study by the National Fire Prevention Association. And the older your house is, the greater the chances that old wiring might be outdated or unsafe. If you don't know the condition of your wiring, it's worth paying a licensed electrician to inspect your electrical system.

• Can an old electrical panel cause a fire?

Old panels can cause fires if overloaded. If fuses blow or circuit breakers trip frequently, it may be an indication that your home's circuits are overloaded. Even though your electrical panel may be functioning properly, your breaker box may still be out of date.

2. Fireplace yearly check up

- **Have your chimney inspected and cleaned at least once a year** and use a screen to prevent embers from flying out into the living space while in use. Use only dried/seasoned hardwoods in your fireplace that have aged for 2-3 years. Keep your stove and oven free of built up grease and clean the vent hood regularly.

3. Hot water Heater winter up keep

- When was the last time you tune up your water heater? If it's more than twelve months ago, then you're at risk of experiencing a water heater explosion or fire. Protect yourself and your family from such unfortunate incidences by maintaining your water heater.

Here are some steps you can take to prevent a water heater explosion or fire in your home.

Perform Annual Tune-Ups

- An annual tune-up ensures there's no wear or break down of your water heater. In areas with hard water, a large amount of calcium builds up inside the water heater to form large rocks that can't come out. There's a need for annual flushing to prevent blockage of the water heater.
- The minerals also settle at the bottom and prevent the heating element from heating the water efficiently. Sediment and mineral buildup can also cause the lower heating element to fail in the equipment.
- Annual flushing also enables you to detect rust. If there's a buildup of rust in the heater, you need to replace it to prevent the risk of fire.
- There are safety devices on the water heater that requires testing at least once yearly. For example, testing the relief valve frequently will prevent people from getting scalded or burned.

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Answers to the puzzle
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Poison Control is a Phone Call Away



Emergency is 911, but there's another number you should post by the phone: Poison Control is 800-222-1222. If you have pets or know someone who does, don't forget Animal Poison Control at 888-426-4435. Having these numbers by the phone can save valuable time in an emergency.

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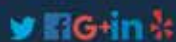
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