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Message from the Board

By Francis Carillo

Summer is here and fun is in full swing. Every morning I drive by the pool and see the activity of the swim team. Usually families and their kids are out on the community center playground before it gets too hot outside. By 1:30 pm, the shouts of kids at the pool can be heard and I see more kids out and about the neighborhood on their bikes or walking around. Yep, school is out and summer is here!

With all of our kids out, our message this month focuses on safety.

For all drivers, let's focus on being alert and slow it down to the posted speed limits, especially along Encino Rio. Kids will be out throughout the day. Slow down when passing them and give them a little extra room in case one of them steps off the curb unintentionally. Whenever near the Community Center or swimming pool area, bring your speed down below the speed limit and be extra watchful. At most, you will lose a few seconds (yes, seconds) on your drive time while helping to prevent a possible accident.

Stay alert for kids on bikes, scooters and similar vehicles. Per the June newsletter and the information provided by Officer Arturo Castellanos about the legality of motorized mini and dirt bikes, scooters and e-bikes, these are prohibited on the streets and sidewalks and, yet, I am still seeing them out there. They are traveling faster than regular bikes and have less reaction time. Keep a watchful eye out.

Within each of the sections, kids will be out riding bikes, scooters, skateboards and other means of getting around or just playing. Be alert for kids darting out of driveways onto the road or coming out from behind parked cars, chasing each other or going after a ball. Please keep your speed down.

We have posted some updated rules for the pool. Please follow those and support our lifeguards in keeping us all safe while enjoying the pool and diving boards. The June newsletter (p. 6) also listed rules for our basketball courts including the hours that they are open. Again, these are in place to ensure safety while enjoying the courts.

Let's all enjoy summer and the beautiful community we live in and let's keep it safe.



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EPIC EVENTS

ENCINO PARK INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Memorial Day at the Pool

Thanks for the great turn out for our Memorial Day event at the pool. The weather was perfect, and we served lots of tasty paletas and participated in Taps Across America to honor our fallen heroes. Special thanks to our volunteers Gail Lamb for the decorations on Encino Rio, and Amy Kerekes and Nathan Holiner for managing the mad rush for paletas during each adult swim!



4th of July Pool Party

We will be holding our annual 4th of July celebration on the actual 4th of July this year! Please plan on joining us for hot dogs and hamburgers, pool games, cornhole tournament, great music, and of course...the traditional kids parade to the pool.

Parade participants should plan on being at the Community Center by 11:00 for the presentation of colors and the National Anthem, followed by the parade at 11:30. The pool will open when the parade arrives! **Check out our flier on page 5.**

Back to School Dive-in Movie Night

We are combining our back to school pool parties with Dive-in Movie Night to have one fun family event at the pool! Mark your calendars for Saturday August 9th! By popular demand, we'll be screening The Sandlot starting at sunset, and the pool will remain open until 10:30 pm!! Stay tuned to our Facebook page and next month's newsletter for more details. **Please see our flier on page 4.**

Come Join Us

We would love to have you join the committee to help plan and deliver our events! We meet once a month at the **Community Center on the first Tuesday at 6:30.** If interested, please email us at epinvolvementcommittee@gmail.com. If you don't have time to join the committee but want to help out at events, just drop us an email!



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Please follow us at Encino Park Involvement Committee to be in the know on the **EPIC events** happening in our community.



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**We sincerely apologize for the inclusion of a political ad in the June newsletter.** The Encino Park Homeowners' Association maintains a strict policy prohibiting political advertisements in our publications, and unfortunately, an error occurred. We are taking steps to ensure this does not happen again. **Thank you for your understanding.**



ENCINO PARK'S BLOCK CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Daphne Sohocki & Gail Lamb
Encino Park Block Captains Co-Committee Chairs

Looking for a way to connect with your neighbors?

Our goal is to have little or no crime in Encino Park! Studies indicate that neighbors who know each other report less crime in the area.

Have you been looking for a way to connect with your neighbors? Or are you often the first person your neighbors turn to for assistance or information? If so, we encourage you to consider becoming a Block Captain or Co-Block Captain for your street or block within Encino Park. Many of our current Block Captains cover multiple streets and would greatly appreciate the assistance! Consider supporting your current Block Captain by becoming a Co-Block Captain for your street.

How much time will it take? As much or as little as you wish to volunteer--and the volunteer position is as long as you like!

The main activity the Block Captains focus on is promoting the city's annual San Antonio Neighbors

Together (SANT) community outreach initiative neighbors night out event on the first Tuesday of October each year.



The purpose of the annual event 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.

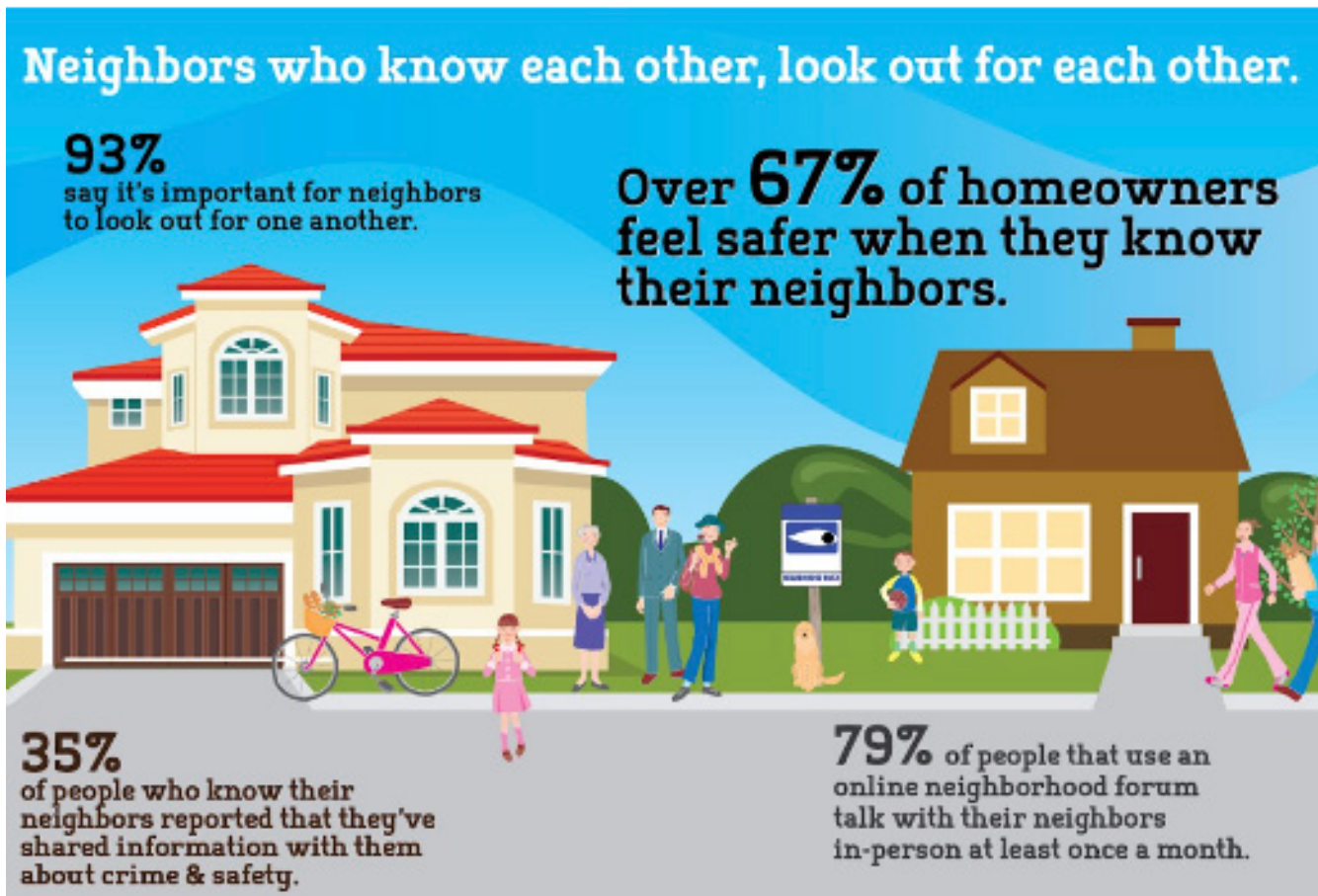
Each Block Captain decides how they would like to promote SANT each year. Activities for that day can range from as little as encouraging neighbors to turn on their porch lights at 7pm, handing out the Encino Park Goodie Bags we put together, to having an outside block party and/or potluck.

For questions or to express your interest in becoming a Block Captain or Co-Block Captain, please don't hesitate to contact us at epblockcaptains@gmail.com or call 210.901.9936. Together, we can continue to make Encino Park a safe, welcoming, and thriving community--and the best place to call home!

Warm regards,

Daphne Sohocki & Gail Lamb

Encino Park Block Captains Co-Committee Chairs



Stay Safe During the Texas Summer

Prioritize staying hydrated, avoiding strenuous activity during the hottest parts of the day, and protecting yourself from the sun. Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing, apply sunscreen, and seek shade or air conditioning when possible. Additionally, never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.



Here's a more detailed breakdown of Texas summer safety tips:

- Stay Hydrated:
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Avoid sugary drinks, caffeine, and alcohol, as they can dehydrate you.

Protect Yourself from the Sun:

- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing.
- Use a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses for added protection.
- Apply sunscreen with at least SPF 30 and reapply frequently.

Limit Outdoor Activity:

- Avoid strenuous activities during the hottest parts of the day (usually between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.).
- Take frequent breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas.

Other Important Safety Measures:

Check on elderly family members, friends, and neighbors to ensure they have access to air conditioning, fans, and water. Be aware of the symptoms of heat-related illnesses (heat exhaustion and heatstroke) and seek medical attention if needed.

By following these tips, you can enjoy the Texas summer while staying safe and healthy.





Back to School
Dive-In
MOVIE NIGHT
@ Encino Park

SATURDAY
AUGUST 9

Starts at sundown
Pool open till 10:30!

AN
EPIC
EVENT






- ★ Free Hot Dogs
- ★ Hamburgers
- ★ Pool Games
- ★ Cornhole Tournament
- ★ Kid's Parade
- ★ Music

Gather at Community Center at 11:00 for presentation of colors, National Anthem and traditional parade to the pool!

Bring your own drinks and a dessert, side, or appetizer to share!

Out to Lunch

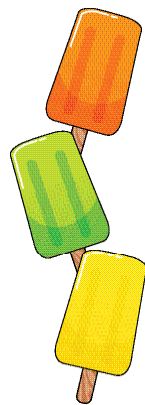
We will take this month off and not have a lunch outing. Watch for this article next month for the details of our August gathering.



Our May lunch at Suko was wonderful. The food and the service there by our waitress Bella were great. All eight of us who attended had a really great time. Go check out this delightful restaurant in our "area" of town. Thank you to Cindy Craft for suggesting this place and making the arrangements for us to go there.

Calling All Pool Goers and Neighbors!

Don't forget that it's up to us to stock the **pool popsicles**! It's been a fun, longstanding tradition that popsicles are handed out at each adult swim. It's such an exciting thing for the kids to be able to get a free popsicle! But sometimes, the popsicles run low and it's really hard for the lifeguards to tell our kids that there just isn't a popsicle to pass out. So don't forget to pick up that pack (or three) of popsicles and drop off at the pool. **The lifeguards will gladly take the bags (or boxes) and stash in their freezer.**



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ENCINO PARK *Women's Club*

That's a wrap!! Encino Park Women's Club wrapped up our year with our end-of-year and scholarship banquet. Ryan Kruger, son of Darren and Mel Kruger, and, Samantha Cheatham, daughter of Carol Ann and Andy. Both of these impressive recipients graduated from Johnson High School.

Ryan played outside linebacker for the Johnson Jaguars as well as starting on his career in the medical field by getting his CPR, OSHA certification and participating in student clinicals. Entrepreneur is also on his list of accomplishments as the owner of 3R Lawns. Ryan is headed to Texas State. Go Bobcats! Samantha was a drum major in the Johnson band and is an accomplished French Horn player. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and was chosen as a delegate for Girls State. Samantha will be going to Oklahoma State University and plans on majoring in Biology on her way to medical school. Go Pokes!

At our May banquet we also awarded Gail Lamb the annual Encino Park Women's Club Service Award. Gail always goes above and beyond in her support of our community. She is a vital member of the Encino Park Involvement Committee (EPIC), Co-Chair of Block Captains, chair of the EP Easter Egg Hunt for several years, supporter of our EP schools,

and sponsor for the EP Blue Sharks and the list goes on! This award was a small thank you for all the big things she does for Encino Park!

Encino Park Women's Club is a community social and volunteer organization. We meet the second Monday of each month August through May. Please plan to join us on August 18th (3rd Monday...first day of school is the second Monday) at the Community Center at 7:00. We will have light dinner followed by our annual Bunco Game. Look for more details in the August newsletter.



Citizens on Patrol

As a member of the Citizens on Patrol, I have observed an increase in vehicles, including those from new subdivisions, disregarding speed limits and stop signs in our neighborhood. I kindly ask everyone to be vigilant and ensure you are slowing down for pedestrians, paying attention to crosswalks, and coming to a complete stop at stop signs.

Additionally, for those walking in the neighborhood, please wear bright, reflective clothing and walk facing traffic to enhance your visibility and safety.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

Gerry Aldorf

Member of Citizens on Patrol

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Why hire a teen in your neighborhood?

Hiring teens for services like yard work, errands, or handyman tasks can be beneficial for both the teen and the homeowner. It allows teens to gain valuable work experience, earn money, and learn important skills like time management and responsibility. Homeowners benefit from the added assistance, potentially at a lower cost than professional services, and can contribute to the teen's personal development.

Hiring a teen has benefits, for you and them!

- 1. Cultivate Social Relationships.** It's important that you give teens a providing "a job well done" gives them a good work ethics.
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Grace Bush	18	210-323-6708	Babysitting, house sitting (12/23)
Joseph Bush	16	210-323-6708	Lawn mowing, dog walking (6/23)
Isabella French	17	210-508-2337	Babysitting, pet sitting, and home organization (6/24)
Javier Garido	17	210-997-0771	Lawn mowing, pet sitting, car wash, weed eating (3/23)
Logan Haring	14	210-243-5135	Power Washing, brush hauling, car wash (3/24)
Ryan Kruger	16	210-787-0015	Lawn maintenance, power washing, dog sitting (2/24)
Taylor Long	15	210-279-0269	Lawn Mowing & Odd Jobs (4/27)
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Maggie Micklitz	18	210-410-2990	Babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting (8/23)
Clayton Micklitz	16	210-410-2990	Babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting, lawn mowing, power washing (8/23)
Caleb Schoellhorn	14	210-996-9163	Lawn maintenance (10/23)
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Placement:

Alarms should be installed on every level of your home.

Monthly Testing:

Test alarms monthly by pressing the test button. The alarm should sound loudly.

Battery Replacement:

Replace batteries at least once a year, or sooner if a low-battery chirp occurs. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for battery type and placement.

General Maintenance:

Clean alarms regularly to remove dust buildup, which can affect their performance.

Replacement:

Replace alarms after 10 years, or sooner if they fail to respond to tests or become damaged.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms:

If you use a combustion appliance like a furnace or water heater, install carbon monoxide detectors on every level.

Interconnected Alarms:

Consider installing interconnected alarms, so that if one sounds, they all sound, providing greater coverage.

Professional Inspections:

For a more thorough assessment, consider having a certified fire safety technician inspect your entire system annually.

Important Considerations:

Escape Plan: Have a fire escape plan and a meeting place outside your home.

Exit Routes: Ensure all exit routes are clear and accessible.

Fire Extinguisher: Keep a fire extinguisher accessible and know how to use it.

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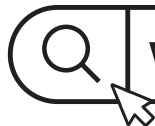
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we're glad you asked!

Summer is officially here! The heat is in full force, kids are relaxed and out and about – maybe via bicycles, motorbikes, scooters, or golf carts. With the activity, the questions about legal age limits for golf carts always comes up.

The laws are blurred – and there are many. They can be interpreted differently if read in a different light. Insurance companies do not know the laws – because all states differ. SA police officers are also confused by the laws because they're vague. But the main law that has not changed is that a golf cart cannot be driven by anyone under the age of 16 – without someone in the cart with a valid drivers license.

Until recently, I was that parent who looked the other direction. My teenager is responsible and has driven us around for several years. I trust him in the cart and I feel it's safe in our neighborhood section for him to drive on his own. But one of my son's friends thought it would be fun to drive the cart and took it for a spin, without permission. He wrecked into a neighbor's truck, totaled the golf cart and damaged the truck. Thankfully the friend and the other boy in the cart were not hurt, however, now we are in an insurance conundrum. The police officer didn't know how to make a case number for the accident since both involved were not autos. The innocent neighbor can't get his truck repaired (or our golf cart loss paid) until all of our insurances figure out if this is an auto claim or a homeowners claim and who is at fault – the boy who took the cart without permission or us, as the owners.



So, neighbors, I am glad you continue to ask about the golf carts. They are only to be driven by those with a license, or with a parent or licensed adult present. **That is the law and it is not blurred.**

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By Dalia Benzick

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Here's the recipe:

- 1 gallon water
- 3 ounces blue Dawn® dish soap
- 1.5 ounces orange oil

The soap helps the orange oil mix well in the water and stick to the ants in the soil. Apply the mixture following these steps:

1. Add the orange oil and soap to the water and mix thoroughly.
2. DO NOT DISTURB the fire ant nest before applying the orange oil/soap/water mixture. If you disturb the nest first, the ants will begin to disperse away from the nest and your treatment will be much less successful, if at all.
3. Beginning at the center of the mound, slowly pour the mixture onto the soil in a circle, gradually expanding the circle from the center outward. Cover the mound area completely from center to edges.
4. USE ALL OF THE MIXTURE ON THE MOUND, no matter the size of the nest.

Butterflies that look like Monarchs

Queen (Danaue gilipps) Along with the Monarch, the Queen is a Milkweed Butterfly, as its caterpillar feeds only on milkweed. Resembling the Monarch in color and pattern, it is about 2/3 the size of the Monarch. The Queen is found in Texas gardens from May until November, surviving the cold months in its chrysalis.

Adding a butterfly habitat to your garden is easy. Plant flowers that attract butterflies and provide nectar, and provide host plants where the adults can lay their eggs. It is important to point out that you will need host plants (food source for the larva) and nectar plants (food source for the adult butterfly).



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Gardening Tips

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Start Small: Begin with a small plot or container garden to avoid feeling overwhelmed. This allows you to focus your attention and resources effectively.

Choose the Right Location: Select a spot that receives adequate sunlight (6-8 hours daily for most vegetables) and has good drainage. Avoid areas with strong winds or heavy foot traffic.

Soil Preparation: Healthy soil is crucial for plant growth. Amend your soil with compost or other organic matter to improve its structure and fertility.

Plant Spacing: Ensure plants have enough space to grow, preventing overcrowding and competition for resources.

Water Wisely: Water your plants thoroughly but infrequently, allowing the soil to dry out slightly between waterings. Consider using a soaker hose or drip irrigation for more efficient watering.

Mindful Watering: Check the soil moisture level before watering. Water when the top inch of soil feels dry.

Fertilize Strategically: Provide your plants with the nutrients they need, using a balanced fertilizer or compost tea.

Keep Pests and Diseases in Check: Regularly inspect your plants for signs of pests or diseases. Address problems early to prevent them from spreading.

Weed Control: Regularly remove weeds to prevent them from competing with your plants for resources.

Pinching and Tipping: This pruning technique encourages branching and bushier growth in many plants, according to Fiskars.

Consider Containers: Container gardening offers flexibility and portability, allowing you to grow a variety of plants in limited spaces.

Enjoy the Process: Gardening is a rewarding experience. Take time to enjoy your plants, your harvest, and the beauty of your garden.



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