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**ENCINO PARK
FALL FAIR
and
Chili Cook-off**

October 21st
10:00 – 3:00
EP Community Center & Park

Food Family Fun Music

Blue Ribbon Competition
Vote for the best homemade goods in EP

Salsa – Cake – Cookies – Bread

For more information on Chili Cook-off and Blue Ribbon Competition please see the EPIC article below!

AN EPIC EVENT
ENCINO PARK INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Middle School Night at the Pool

We had a blast with the EP Middle Schoolers on August 11th at the pool while they enjoyed pizza, music, and fun!

Upcoming Events

Playdate in the Park - We continue to have a great turn out for this fun way to get out with your kids and meet new neighbors over drinks and snacks. **Second Saturday** each month from 10:00-11:30.

Movie Night in the Park- Heads up for an EP tradition! We will be showing a family friendly movie to kick off the holiday season on **December 2nd** at dark.

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.

Encino Park Fall Fair & Chili Cook-Off Details

We are excited to expand our annual **Chili Cook-off** event to include a **Fall Festival** with food, music, and family fun! We will hold the official Chili Cook-off as we have in the past, but are also adding a neighborhood Blue Ribbon Competition to show off your homemade goods for a chance to be the Best in EP!! Participation details are below. Keep an eye out for more info about what we have planned and the schedule of events.

Chili Cook-off

Registration fees for the Chili Cook-off are \$50 per team. If interested, you can request the registration form and rules by emailing us at ep.fall.fair@gmail.com, or stop by the HOA office during normal office hours.

Blue Ribbon Competition

Open to all EP residents with no registration fee! If you would like to enter your homemade salsa, cake, cookies, or bread for a shot at the coveted popular vote blue ribbon, you can request the registration form and rules by emailing us at ep.fall.fair@gmail.com, or stop by the HOA during normal office hours.

Mark you calendars... you won't want to miss this EPIC event on **October 21st!**



ENCINO PARK'S BLOCK CAPTAIN PROGRAM

San Antonio Neighbors Together National Night Out is on Oct. 3rd!

On the first Tuesday of October, we promote the annual San Antonio Neighbors Together (SANT) National Night Out. SANT is a community outreach initiative created by the city of San Antonio intended to bring neighborhoods together, while also fostering a police-community relationship. The purpose of the 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. Encino Park Block Captains plan activities for the day which can range from as little as neighbors turning on their porch lights at 7pm, Block Captains handing out the Encino Park Goodie Bags, to having an outside block party. Here is the calendar of events the deadlines to make our celebrations successful:

Block Captain Calendar of Events



NOW – Help recruit Sponsors to Donate to our **Goodie Bag**. Please contact vendors you use on a regular basis. Sponsors can contact epblockcaptains@gmail.com or go online here for more information,

<https://bit.ly/3AV0pNx>. **Donations needed at EPHOA Office by 9/20/23.**

NOW and no later than 9/15/23. - Block Captains please email epblockcaptains@gmail.com with the number of Goodie Bags you will need for your San Antonio Neighbors Together event or there will not be any set aside for your neighbors.

9/20/23 - LAST DAY for sponsors to drop off their Goodie Bag Donation items to the EPHOA Office. (Office hours are Mon & Fri 9am -2pm, and Weds 12pm-6pm)

9/27/23 - 1pm-4pm - Goodie Bag Stuffing Day at the EPHOA Community Center. Volunteers still needed!

9/27/23 - 4-6pm Goodie Bag Pick Up Day for Block Captains to pick up their previously requested bags for SANTS. (Bags request must be sent via email by 9/15)

10/3/23 - SAN ANTONIO NEIGHBORS TOGETHER (SANT) day is the first Tuesday in October! Block Captains and Neighborhood Ambassadors planned activities start by 7pm. If your street does not have an event, feel free to join another street's event. Many Block Captains represent more than one street and only hold one event.

Here at the streets that currently do not have any coverage:

- Encino Brook (19602-19734)
- Encino Brook (19810-199911)
- Encino Cabin
- Encino Cliff (2136-2202)
- Encino Crossing
- Encino Crown
- Encino Gap
- Encino Rio (1706-1726)
- Encino Rock
- Encino Royale (19918-19967)
- Encino Spur
- Encino Valley
- Encino Valley Circle



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, or you can volunteer to help your current Block Captain because many are covering more than one street!

All residents are encouraged to 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/>
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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:



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 (see page 6 in this newsletter for application)

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WE'RE GLAD YOU ASKED!



Q: How do I advertise my business in the EPHOA Newsletter?

A: Naturally, I assumed we, as neighbors, would send our requests to publish an ad to the HOA Office and be billed. I learned that we actually work closely with Neighborhood News, Inc. Neighborhood News will take all of your information (including pictures or graphics) and publish in the newsletter. Price points and ad run time will be provided by Neighborhood News. Encino Park does not profit on your advertisement so the pricing is non negotiable. Due dates for all publications are the 10th of every month, to be published for the following month. This is the time to get your business out to our residents! Email sales@neighborhoodnews.com or call 210-558-3160 for more information.

Out to Lunch



Our outing for this month will be on Friday the 29th, at our usual time of 11:30. We will go to a new restaurant in The Quarry Shopping Center-“Seasons 52”. They feature delicious seasonally fresh foods, ranging from soups and salads to hot entrees. It is located at 255 East Basse Road, Suite 1400. Call Janet at 210-481-9956 by Tuesday the 26th if you plan to go. Carpooling will be available.

We took July off but are glad to have the group back up and running. Join us for a fun social time. All EP women and friends are welcome.

50 OVER 50 CLUB

Submitted by Dalia Benzick

Typically, our group shrinks over the late summer as members enjoy back-to-school activities with grandkids or take a vacation, yet we are having good participation. We have active and rowdy Mexican Train and Ginasta card players that look forward to our gatherings. Also enjoy the yummy desserts furnished by a volunteer for each meeting. Get out of the house and be with us the first and third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center.. for more information, call the office at 210-497-3022.



LANDSCAPE WATERING

We are currently under STAGE 2 of SAWS restrictions for landscape watering. This means watering with a system can be done only once a week between the hours of 7:00 AM to 11:00AM and 7:00PM to 11:00pm on the days assigned by the last digit of your house number. Watering by hand is allowed any day and any time. With the hot weather approaching some areas of your lawn may become under watered or parched and hand watering may be used to address this situation. Keeping your lawn adequately watered using a system and any additional hand watering can help avoid the expense of having to replace any dead grass. Some households use this hand watering as an opportunity to get older children, either at home or in the neighborhood, involved as a way for them to make some summertime spending money.

KEY CARD UPDATE

This past year, we have changed our key card system so all of our amenities (basketball courts, tennis courts, pool and outside pool restrooms) can be accessed with just one card. As with all new things, there have been some glitches with the system. Some of our older keys cards have gone kaput; they just have not accepted the new system. If you have had any key card issues, please contact the HOA Office at 210-497-3022 or stop by during office hours, Monday and Friday 9-2 or Wednesday, 12-6 and we can get a new card for you. Replacement cards are \$10, the office only accepts checks or money orders, no cash or credit cards.

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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 @ epmarketdays@gmail.com or by cell @ 210-850-7602

MARKET DAYS @ ENCINO PARK APPLICATION, OCT. 7

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email: _____

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

BOOTH FEES:

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

Prem. Front Yard/Driveway 10'x10' Indicate # of Spaces ____ x \$75.00

Using a generator? YES or NO

Payment can also be made by PayPal @ EncinoParkWomensClub

An additional fee of \$5 must be included when paying via Paypal.

****NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 6TH, 20****

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER SEPT. 6, MUST INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$25 AND MUST BE IN GUARANTEED FUNDS (CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.) APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED IF ADDITIONAL FEE IS NOT INCLUDED.

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

ENCINO PARK WOMEN'S CLUB

c/o Cindy Craft, 1718 Encino Spring, SA, TX 78259
or 210-850-7602

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 and conditions set forth in the EPWCs 2023 General information sheet and this application.

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

Signature & Date: _____



BASKETBALL COURTS

Encino Park has some amazing amenities to offer to our residents. One of the amenities is our basketball courts behind the community center. They are constantly used for an easy game of pickup, or weekly games with residents. Things to remember though, regarding the basketball courts:

The basketball courts are for residents only. Of course, our residents can invite non-resident friends to play, but there needs to be a resident with them.

The basketball courts are key access with our neighborhood issued card key. Propping the door or jamming it can break the door, which can lead to safety concerns and costs associated with repairing the locks. If the card key is not working, please contact the HOA Office at the Community Center.

The basketball hours are 8am-8pm. Yes, in the summer the daylight hours are longer, but we have the earlier end time due to close proximity of neighboring houses to the basketball courts.



CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Our SAFFE Officer, Arturo Castellanos, reports that in the San Antonio northside vehicle burglaries continue to be a problem. He advised these five tips:

- 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. Criminals only need a few seconds to take your vehicle and everything and everyone in it.

School is back in session so please drive safely and observe the rules of the road. SAPD receives lots of complaints about speeding on Encino Rio.

SAPD's next Citizens on Patrol class schedule is below. 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.

September 9	9:00-1:00
November 4	9:00-1:00
October 7	9:00-1:00

Reminder: If you experience a crime 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).

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School Bus Safety Tips

As students go back to school please be aware of school bus rules, respect the speed limits posted as children will be waiting at bus stops, crossing the roads, and walking to and from school. Please take extra caution.



Traffic laws of stopping for school buses cited on www.dps.texas.gov

According to Texas statute, a driver – traveling in either direction on a roadway – must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.



Pizza Puffs

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen pizza dough, thawed
- 20 slices pepperoni
- 8 ounces part-skim mozzarella cheese, cut into 20 cubes
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 small garlic cloves, minced
- Dash salt
- Marinara sauce, warmed
- Parmesan cheese (optional)



Source: Tasteofhome.com

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°. Shape dough into 1-1/2-in. balls; flatten into 1/8-in. thick circles. Place 1 pepperoni slice and 1 cheese cube in center of each circle; wrap dough around pepperoni and cheese. Pinch edges to seal; shape into a ball. Repeat with remaining dough, cheese and pepperoni. Place seam side down on greased baking sheets; bake until light golden brown, 10-15 minutes. Cool slightly.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Add garlic and salt, taking care not to brown butter or garlic; brush over puffs. Serve with marinara sauce; if desired, sprinkle with red pepper flakes and Parmesan.

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Wyatt Belz	16	210-309-5570	Power Washing, Brush Hauling (2/23)
Grace Bush	17	210-323-6708	Babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking, house sitting (5/22)
Faith Bush	13	210-323-6708	Babysitting & pet sitting (5/22)
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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)
Maggie Micklitz	17	210-410-2990	Babysitting, Pet sitting, house sitting (8/23)
Clayton Micklitz	15	210-410-2990	Babysitting, Pet sitting, house sitting, Lawn Mowing, Power Washing (8/23)
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)

Teen Service listings are free to all Encino Park residents under nineteen (19) years of age. Ads will run for one year, unless the advertiser calls and requests renewal. To add, remove, or edit your ad, call 210-558-3160 or email Ariel@neighborhoodnews.com. Please put "Encino Park Resident" in the subject line.



Fall Things to Do!

Here are some friendly autumn activities and things to do that kids (or really anyone) can have fun with.

- **Drink apple cider.** Apple cider is a classic beverage that practically screams fall. And a hot, steamy drink on a cold day hits the spot.
- **Visit a corn or hay maze.** This is one of those fun fall activities that everyone can enjoy, no matter your age!
- **Make pumpkin pie from scratch.** Learn grandmas recipe, it's bonding time and baking time.
- **Enjoy hot chocolate under the stars.** A yummy fall drink out in the crisp cool air, it just feels right.
- **Eat & drink all the pumpkin flavored things you can.** Pumpkin spice and everything nice~!
- **Curl up under a blanket with a book on a rainy day.** Who doesn't love a good overcast day!
- **Visit a pumpkin patch.** This is kind of a fall must-do!
- **Step on crunchy leaves.** Stepping on crunchy leaves is just one of those things where you can't exactly explain why it's fun, it just is. But it definitely should be on everyone's fall bucket list!
- **Visit a museum for FREE on September 23rd.** Enjoy free admission at participating museums on Museum Day in 2023.
- **Carve a jack-o-lantern.** Is it really ever fall if you DON'T decorate at least one pumpkin?
- **Make a delicious, hearty soup in a crock pot.** Mmmm, soup season! What's your favorite?
- **Make a fall wreath.** Go all out and really decorate your place this year. There's no need to spend a lot, you can make one with items sourced from your local Dollar Store!




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Crime Prevention Tip

LOCK, TAKE, HIDE

One of the easiest ways to prevent becoming a crime victim is to lock your car doors. Leaving cars unlocked in your driveway allows easy access to see what can be stolen. Please keep the crime tip of LOCK, TAKE, HIDE in mind. Lock, Take, and Hide is an easy 3-step plan that drastically reduces your chances of becoming a victim:



1. Lock your car doors.
2. Take your keys and valuables with you. (This includes cell phones, wallets/purses, GPS units, computers, weapons, and jewelry).
3. Hide those valuables so they aren't in plain sight.

Household Hazardous Waste

Not all household products can be thrown in the regular garbage. Being informed can help you make smarter, safer disposal decisions. You will likely find at least one thing you thought was safe to toss, but is on the list of common household hazardous waste materials. These items should not be mixed with your regular garbage or recyclables. Household hazardous wastes require special handling.

Household hazardous waste consists of materials that pose potential threats to people and the environment, such as:

- Flammable products
- Oil
- Paint cans
- Pool chemicals
- Animal carcasses
- Solvents
- Household cleaning products
- Motor oil
- Mercury thermometers
- Personal care products (e.g. medicine, sunscreen, insect repellent, etc.)
- Medicine
- Lead, acid/wet cell batteries
- Railroad ties
- Toxic materials
- Biohazardous materials or waste
- Propane/oxygen/helium tanks
- Items containing gas or oil
- Explosives
- Live ammunition or weapons



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MAINTENANCE EVERY HOMEOWNER SHOULD DO

Owning a home can be a wonderful milestone in one's life. However, there are certain responsibilities when it comes to maintaining your home and protecting your investment. Staying on top of these tasks is paramount to keeping your home in top shape while saving money on unexpected home repairs.

Clean kitchen exhaust hood and air filter to remove dust, grease, and grime. Instead of spending money on expensive cleaning products, try mixing hot water and dish soap to use as a cleaner. Another option is to try using a mixture of one part vinegar to one part water. Baking soda is also useful because it neutralizes acidic compounds on the vent screen. Soak screen in hot water and baking soda for about 15 minutes to remove buildup. Keeping your vent hood clean has many benefits such as cleaner air in the kitchen, fire risk reduction, reduces the need for repairs and maintenance, and increases energy efficiency.

Vacuum your refrigerator's coils to remove dust and debris. The first thing to do here is to unplug your refrigerator to prevent electric shock. This should only take 10 or 15 minutes, so your food will be fine. Next, locate your refrigerator coils. Newer refrigerators have a vent at the bottom and older refrigerators usually have coils in the back of the refrigerator. Once you remove the vent cover, you will see the coils there. Vacuum all of the dust off the coils and the fan. The long-term benefits of this maintenance task are that it prevents your refrigerator from having to work harder, which increases energy use and the life of your product. Typical average savings after cleaning the coils is approximately 11%.

Clean or Replace Faucet Aerator to increase water pressure. If you notice a faucet doesn't seem to have the same water pressure it once did, the problem may be the aerator. Aerators have a small mesh screen that is used to conserve both water and energy. Aerators are located inside the tip of the water faucet spout. This part gets clogged with lime, calcium, and sediment over time. Use a toothbrush or soft bristle brush to loosen up mineral deposits in the aerator screen. Cleaning the faucet aerator has several benefits including using less water, increased water pressure, less water used, and lower water bills.

Resources: <https://www.moving.com/tips/10-monthly-home-maintenance-tasks-you-should-be-doing/> or <https://www.thespruce.com/chores-to-do-once-a-year-4155351>



Your WaterSaver Rewards points will be awarded within two weeks after you have attended an approved event. If you are interested in signing up for the rewards program or want to learn more information, please visit:

www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/watersaver-rewards/

To view the CPS Calendar of Events, visit:
www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/events/

Three points - Earns you a \$30 coupon to be used at participating local retailers toward a variety of water conserving materials including: Plants, Mulch, Rain barrels, Birdbaths and bird feeders, Compost, Other landscaping supplies.

Five points - Earns a \$50 coupon toward the purchase of the above items from participating local retailers.

Seven points - Earns you a \$70 coupon to be used at participating local retailers toward water-saving garden materials.

Landscape coupon - Has your lawn gone crispy and sparse, and in desperate cry for help? When grass thins or browns, that's the perfect opportunity to switch to less high-maintenance plants.

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