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Message from the Board

By Francis Carrillo

Spring is in the air (and then some). By now, we have survived the mid-February freezing week, made it through Spring Break, and most of us know by now whether we have completely blown our March Madness bracket picks or if we still stand a fighting chance of winning.

Now thoughts drift towards spring planting of new flowers, getting our lawns perfectly manicured and enjoying the lush cover of green before the heat of summer hits. The yearly celebration of Fiesta is almost upon us and kids are starting to dream of the freedom of Summer. Trees have already started to fill in their leaves and provide us with shade and soon, the crepe myrtles will begin to flower and our neighborhood will become a beautiful canopy of color. We truly live in a beautiful area of San Antonio.

Just as we are individually tending to our personal homes and getting them ready for Spring and Summer, so is the Board focused on major projects for getting the community ready for our Spring and Summer activities. We are focused on the getting the pool cabanas repaired in time for the pool opening in May and getting new mailboxes put in place for those damaged earlier in the year. We have events such as the Night in Old Encino Park (our version of NIOSA) and the Memorial Day at the pool to plan and organize.

While we don't have the traditional hibernation of a real winter and an emerging into a Spring season, it still feels like we are emerging into the most beautiful time of year in San Antonio. So take a moment to look around and appreciate the beauty, take a leisurely stroll while it is still cool and enjoy our neighborhood.



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In the heart of our beautiful Encino Park neighborhood, amidst the rustling leaves and chirping birds, lies a vibrant community of Girl Scouts on a mission to make the world a better place. Our multi-level troop embodies the spirit of adventure, sisterhood, and service. If you have a daughter who is interested in joining our troop, please reach out to Zarines Negron at troop5104sa@gmail.com. Our troop meets every other Wednesday, August through May, from 4:45-6:15 pm at the Encino Park Community Center

HELLO ENCINO PARK NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS:

The Liza King Team Annual Shred Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th from 9:00 - 11:00 at the Encino Park Pool Parking Lot, 1901 Encino Rio.

We will again have Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Pastries for you to enjoy! Come mingle, get some great freebies and enter our door prize drawings!

Our Sponsors would love to see you again.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 210-844-3292. Hope to see you there!

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FUN FIESTA FAQs

From the Fiesta San Antonio Website

What does "show me your shoes" mean?

What started as women in heels wanting to be more comfortable on the Battle of Flowers® parade floats began a tradition of today where the queen, princess, and duchesses wear sneakers, boots, and other forms of comfortable shoes. But it's much more than that. The "Show me your shoes" has become both a crowd pleaser and a sight to see. The ladies have stepped up their game each year to put on more elaborate customized footwear in more and more creative ways – you just have to see it! When the ladies show their shoes at the request of parade attendees, they reveal bedazzled sandals, customized sneakers, boots and even bunny slippers.

Why is Fiesta traditionally held in the month of April?

Fiesta San Antonio is traditionally held in the month of April because the Battle of San Jacinto was fought on April 21, 1836. Congressman James Luther Slayden's wife, Mrs. James L. Slayden, was inspired by the flower parades of Spain and suggested that San Antonio stage its own flower parade on April 21st in memory of the fallen heroes of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto. The idea gained support and the Battle of Flowers Association was born.



We've got something fun planned for every month of 2025!! From playdates, music in the park, movies, our traditional Fiesta and Fall events, to plenty of fun at the pool...we've got something for everyone! Mark your calendars and follow us on Facebook for more info and updates.

2025 Schedule of Events

Every month.....Playdate at the Park (2nd Saturday)
April 26 Night in Old Encino Park
May 26 Memorial Day at the Pool
June Dive-in Movie Night
July 4 4th of July at the Pool
August Middle School Night at the Pool
August High School Night at the Pool
September 1 Labor Day at the Pool
October Music in the Park
November Fall Fair and Chili Cook-off
December Holiday Movie in the Park
December Holiday Lights Contest

Upcoming Events:

Night in Old Encino Park – April 26th 5:00-8:00

It's the second most wonderful time of year in San Antonio! Come out and celebrate Fiesta at our family fun event, with food, entertainment, music, games, and kids' crafts! This annual tradition is one you don't want to miss! Check out our flier on page 9.

Memorial Day at the Pool – May 26th

Come out and kick-off the pool season by honoring and remembering those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and our freedom! We'll be serving delicious free paletas starting at 1:00 (until we run out), and will once again be participating in Taps Across America at 3:00. Please see our flier on page 9.

Join us!

The Community Involvement Committee is looking for more people to become involved in making Encino Park an even better place to live. If you would like to be a part of creating, planning and implementing community events please consider joining the committee. We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Community Center. Please us at epinvolvementcommittee@gmail.com for more info or to volunteer.

ENCINO PARK 2025 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

The Encino Park Women's Club is a service organization that is offering 2 (two) \$1000 scholarships this year. A committee of Women's Club members will judge all entries. All applicants will be notified by mail. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Women's Club Awards Banquet on May 12th. Questions may be directed to Jeanne Morton @210-364-8325.

Encino Park Residents who meet the following requirements are encouraged to apply:

- 1. Applicant must have been an Encino Park resident for two years from the date of the application and be a member in good standing in the Encino Park Homeowner's Association.
- 2. Individuals, this year, must be graduating seniors from high school.
- 3. Applicant must submit an essay, a minimum of two (2) pages, double spaced and a maximum length of four (4) pages responding to the following:

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- 4. Applicants must submit a separate resume of his/her experiences including personal and academic achievements, grade point average, community involvement, extracurricular activities, leadership positions, and artistic and athletic achievements. Include dates of membership in clubs as well as hours/time for each activity. References are not required but will be considered if submitted.

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- 5. An individual may receive our scholarship only once.
- 6. Applicant will write his/her name only on the attached "Scholarship Application" form.

ANY APPLICATION NOT COMPLYING WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Complete the scholarship application and attach it to your essay and resume. Your name should only appear on the scholarship application.

Place the application in an 8x10 envelope marked "Scholarship" and drop it off no later than **12 noon on Monday, April 7** at the Encino Park HOA office, 1923 Encino Rio, during office hours or in the HOA drop box when the office is closed. Only those applications received at the HOA office or in the drop box will be considered. Remember* **do not put your name on your resume or essay.**

ENCINO PARK 2025 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY APPLICATION

Last, First: _____

Email Address: _____

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Schools Being Applied to: _____

Is your mother a current women's club member? YES NO

If not, is she a past member? How many years in total was the membership? _____

Please attach this application to your essay and resume. Place it in an 8x10 envelope marked "Scholarship" and drop it off no later than 12:00 noon Monday, April 7, at the Encino Park HOA office, 1923 Encino Rio, during office hours, or in the HOA drop box when the office is closed.

Only those applications received at the HOA office or in the drop box will be considered.

THE COLORFUL ORIGINS OF SAN ANTONIO'S FIESTA

Neighborhood News Library

If you've ever been in San Antonio during Fiesta, you know it's more than just a party - it's a city-wide explosion of color, culture, and confetti-filled eggs. But where did this beloved tradition come from? The roots of Fiesta stretch back to a time of horses and carriages, when a group of San Antonians decided to honor one of the most famous battles in Texas history - by throwing flowers at each other.

The First "Battle" of Flowers

In 1891, local residents wanted to commemorate the heroes of the Battle of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. Instead of a somber event, they opted for something uniquely festive: a flower parade. Carriages and bicycles were decorated with fresh blooms, and parade-goers engaged in friendly flower fights, tossing petals at one another in what would become the first "Battle of Flowers."

This floral skirmish was such a hit that it became an annual tradition, eventually evolving into what we now know as Fiesta San Antonio. Over time, the event grew from a single parade into a multi-day festival with music, food, and celebrations that highlight the city's rich history and diverse cultures.

Royalty, Medals, and Cascarones - Oh My!

As Fiesta blossomed, it introduced one of its most famous traditions: Fiesta Royalty. In 1909, the Order of the Alamo crowned its first "Queen," and soon after, other organizations introduced kings, queens, and even a court of Fiesta royalty. Today, there are multiple kings and queens, including King Antonio and El Rey Feo ("The Ugly King"), whose titles are as prestigious as they are playful.

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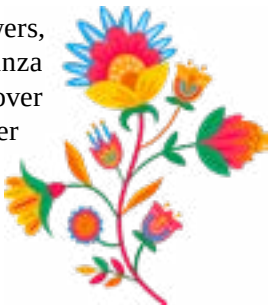
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Fiesta also gave rise to another beloved tradition - collectible medals. Originally created as a way for local organizations to raise funds, Fiesta medals have become a must-have for attendees, with new designs released every year. And, of course, no Fiesta is complete without cascarones, the confetti-filled eggshells that San Antonians gleefully crack over each other's heads. Legend has it that the tradition was inspired by hollowed-out eggs filled with perfume, a European custom that made its way to Mexico before evolving into today's colorful (and much messier) version.

A Celebration of San Antonio's Spirit

Over 130 years after the first Battle of Flowers, Fiesta has grown into an 11-day extravaganza that attracts millions of visitors. With over 100 events, from the Texas Cavaliers River Parade to NIOSA (A Night in Old San Antonio), it remains a vibrant reflection of the city's history, culture, and love for a good time.

So, whether you're donning a flower crown, hunting for the best Fiesta medal, or dodging a surprise cascarón attack, just remember - you're part of a tradition that started with a simple but brilliant idea: to honor history with joy, color, and a little friendly chaos. ¡Viva Fiesta!



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Encino Park Nature Club

The opportunity to observe nature is abundant in the Encino Park area. The creation of a Nature Club for the community will allow us to share our experiences in nature. We have nearby parks, utility easements, road easements and our own yards for observations. Not only can we have outings but can also contribute to citizen science by adding observations to the app, iNaturalist.

There is the opportunity to have both day and night outings. The day outings would be strolls to take the time to look at plants, birds, butterflies, insects and wildlife. The night outings could look at the moths and other insects attracted to night lights with UV bulbs.

San Antonio Metro Area has a naturalist community that lead the nation in contributions to the iNaturalist City Nature Challenge in 2024. An Encino Park Nature Club would be warmly welcomed as a community participant in the 2025 event. It is a 4-day event from April 25 through April 28.

If you would like to help form or participate in an Encino Park Nature Club, send an email to Jerry Morrisey at jlmorrisey@aol.com. Put Encino Park Nature Club in the subject line.

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Tip: Bored pets chew, scratch, or act out. Keep them entertained!

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The monthly Senior Computer & Technology Training Class will be held on the third Friday of each month from 11am to 2pm in the Conference Room at the Encino Park Community Center. All are invited even if not registered. If you would like to register or have a question, please email George Sohocki at george@atozhelpers.com or text him at 210-391-2515.



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So it is definitely something that we, as an association can look into, but the process is long and the cost associated may be far above our budgets.



MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR

Encino Park Pool
Monday, May 26th

Free Paletas 1:00 – 4:00
Taps at 3:00



AN EPIC EVENT

Troop 360 Upcoming Events



Troop 360 is headed out this summer to do some AMAZING things! We have groups backpacking in New Mexico, swimming in the Florida Keys, challenging themselves in Missouri and experiencing a horse ranch in west Texas!

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Javier Garido	17	210-997-0771	Lawn mowing, pet sitting, car wash, weed eating (3/23)
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Ethan Walkingstick	17	210-649-0307	Piano tuning (3/26)

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ENCINO PARK WOMEN’S CLUB

By Donna Morton

Our April meeting will be Monday, April 14 at 7pm



“Just like there is no place quite like San Antonio, there is not another event anywhere quite like Fiesta!” The city kicks off Fiesta April 24!

It was the idea of a tourist from Chicago who thought the city should do something to honor and memorialize the heroes who died in defense of the shrine, the Alamo. The socially elite took the idea and the first major effort took place in 1891 with a flower festival commemorating the Battle of San Jacinto. In the next 100 years large numbers of cultural groups: Czechs, French, Poles, Lebanese, Germans, Old South Aristocrat and Spanish/Mexican nationalities have contributed their culture to the event.

Fiesta brings on a whole new feeling to the city! Let’s get that feeling started at our April Meeting! VIVA!

Our last meeting of the year will be our May Scholarship Banquet on Monday, May 12 6:30pm.

DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

The Encino Park Women's Club is currently accepting donations for the upcoming April 18th Easter Egg Hunt.

The donations are due back to the HOA office by April 8th, 2025. Please provide "Individually" wrapped candies that will fit in the plastic eggs. Please no chocolate, and no peanuts.

Examples: Jolly Ranchers, Skittles, Gummy Bears.

Donations for the toddlers include "individually" packed snacks like Goldfish, Small Cotton Candy, and Marshmallow/Krispie treats.

The eggs will be stuffed on Sunday, April 13th, and your donations are greatly appreciated.

2025 Women's Club Meeting Calendar

April 13..... Easter Egg Stuffing in CC: 2pm - 5pm
April 14..... General Meeting: 7 pm
April 18..... Easter Egg Hunt: 10 am
May 12..... General Meeting Banquet: 6:30 pm

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