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Message from the Board

By Kelsey Wood

Spring is in the air! Well, it's technically still spring, but of course the summer temperatures are starting to creep in early as always. Allergy season should be behind us (fingers crossed) as pollen slows and all the beautiful trees and flowers begin to bloom around our neighborhood. Take the opportunity of spring temperatures to plant some flowers, spruce up your yard and make plans to spend time outside getting to know neighbors this season. Thinking about putting some chairs out front to chat with friends or watch the kids play, now is the time! Not only will you get to meet neighbors, it's also a great crime deterrent to be present and outside.

Schools in our area will be wrapping up the semester on Thursday, May 22nd which means our neighborhood will be filled with the joyful sounds of kids playing, riding bikes, zipping around on scooters or dirt bikes, and soaking up every bit of sunshine they can. Please take extra care when driving through the neighborhood—kids can be unpredictable and fast-moving. Whether they're chasing a ball, racing to the pool, or simply enjoying some summer freedom, they may not always be watching for cars. Let's all do our part to slow down, stay alert, and help keep our youngest neighbors safe.

The pool will also start to get busier with the kickoff of swim team season and families heading out to cool off. Be mindful of increased activity in and around the pool area and surrounding streets, especially during early morning practices and weekend swim team meets as many people walk/ride bikes. The pool will open on weekends only, Saturday and Sunday, beginning May 10th from 1:00pm -9:00pm and will move to being open daily starting May 23rd. Please look to the website for pool hours/rules, cabana rentals, tennis court reservations, etc. at encinoparkhoa.org

Let's make this a safe, happy summer for everyone. Give the kids room to play, enjoy the longer days, and don't forget your sunscreen!



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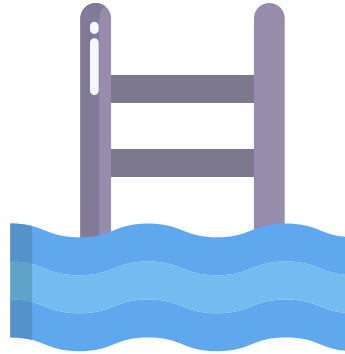
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POOL UPDATES FOR 2025 SEASON



As of May 1, we will have 22 days left of school – 23 days till our 2025 pool season! This is such an exciting time of year for Encino Park. Neighborhood pool parties, swim team meets, diving board competitions, cook outs... all of the good feelings and memories of summer.

We have updated our pool rules for the 2025 season. Keep an eye out in the June newsletter for the updated rules. We will also post them in the lifeguard station and we're hoping to update the big sign in the pool area and post on the exterior pool house wall.

We also have heard the requests for opening the pool early for morning swims. We will not be changing pool hours for the summer of 2025. It's hard, with staffing, to have varied times throughout the week. Schedules and hiring begin in the early spring so we need to allow Aquatica and teams to prepare for the season. So we will revisit the change of times this coming Fall for the pool for the 2026 season.



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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Do you look forward to our July 4 Parade and the Celebration at the Pool afterwards? Are you a big fan of our Night in Old Encino (NIOEP) event during Fiesta? Do you enjoy our Holiday Movie at the Community Center? Have you tried out Chili at our Fall Festival Chili Cookoff? Do you like coffee with the neighbors while you're kids play in the park on Saturdays?

All of these events are put on by our EPIC team – which currently consists of only a handful of volunteers. But it's an exhausting task to plan and then to set up, facilitate and provide successful events for our neighbors with this small, core group. We have over 22 events each year and we are in desperate need for volunteers to help!! We all understand everyone is very busy and volunteering your time doesn't have to be a monthly commitment. If you can only volunteer FOR a couple hours of the events themselves, that is a huge thing. Volunteering is an opportunity to meet your neighbors!

If we do not have more volunteers, we are going to lose these events that our neighborhood is known for.

We have already had to discontinue Playdates in the Park on the 1st Saturdays because we can't find a parent who is willing to facilitate once a month for a couple hours.

A glimpse of Upcoming events to add to your schedules is below. But if we do not have the man power, **these events will not happen:**

- Memorial Day at the Pool – welcome treats to celebrate the summer
- July 4th Celebration and Parade at the Pool
- Middle School and High School Nights at the Pool
- Movie Night at the Pool / Movie Night for the Holidays at the Community Center
- Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff
- Labor Day Celebration at the Pool

Please email Gordy and Sunny Brown, our leaders of EPIC, to find out how you can be a part of the culture of Encino Park. gsbrown@swbell.net.



**2025
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THE ART OF DOING NOTHING



In a world obsessed with hustle, “doing nothing” almost feels illegal. But hear this idleness is not laziness. It’s a skill. One that’s been practiced and perfected for centuries in places that rank among the happiest in the world.

Take Italy’s dolce far niente or the Dutch niksen, both translate to the sweetness of doing nothing. These cultures understand that intentional rest can unlock creativity, reduce stress, and lead to better decision-making. When your brain isn’t constantly overloaded, it has time to reflect, connect dots, and generate fresh ideas. But in our fast-paced culture? Rest is often viewed as weakness. We’re glued to screens, multitasking ourselves into burnout, and calling it productivity.

Here’s a small rebellion: try 10 minutes of nothing. No phone. No music. No agenda. Just...space. Breathe. Stare at the ceiling. Sit on the porch. Let your thoughts drift.

You might feel uncomfortable at first, itchy for stimulation, but that’s kind of the point. Getting good at nothing means getting comfortable with stillness, with yourself, and with the fact that not every moment has to be filled. In a noisy world, doing nothing is a quiet kind of power.

IS SAWS GUILTY OF FRAUD?

Are you having high water bills since SAWS has installed the new SMART meters and you have no leaks? If this has happened to you, please contact the Encino Park office at 210-497-3022 or contact@encinoparkhoa.com, and leave your contact information. They will pass along to me, Mr. Aniol, and we will work with Councilman Courage and SAWS to come to a resolution.

MARKET DAY IN ENCINO PARK

October 4, 2025

Calling ALL small business owners, artisans and craftsman!

It is that time again to send in your application to be a part of the Market Day in Encino Park! Spaces are filling fast.

Market Day is sponsored by the Encino Park Women’s Club so that we can continue to provide college scholarships,

Santa’s Visit, the Easter Egg Hunt, the neighborhood garage sale and the EP Women’s Club monthly meetings. For more info contact us at epmarketdays@gmail.com or Elice Palmer @ 210-288-1389



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OUT TO LUNCH

Our May outing will be on Friday the 30th at 11:30. We will go to "SUKO", a Japanese cuisine restaurant. It is at 17134 Bulverde Road, Suite 106. This is on the other side of 1604, near the HEB. They promise authentic-modern Japanese cuisine with culinary excellence. In addition to sushi, they have dishes featuring chicken or salmon, as well as Japanese soups. Call Janet at 210-481-9956 by Monday the 26th if you plan to attend. All EP ladies and friends are invited to join in on the fun.

Our February lunch at "Bourbon Street Seafood" was great, as always. We enjoyed having fourteen of us together as we visited, dined on the delicious food, and enjoyed the wonderful service we received there.

In March we went to "Snooze" on the 1604 frontage road at the Vineyard Shopping Center. The twelve of us enjoyed the variety of brunch and lunch options that were offered, and the service we received was superb. We were to have gone to "Full Belly Café", near Trader Joe's, but, in spite of our having a reservation, they apparently didn't feel they could accommodate our group size upon our arrival. Snooze was an excellent substitute.

OVER 50 CLUB

By Dalia Benzick

Seems like spring has arrived, stays for a few days and a little chill still remains. Nevertheless, we gather regardless of what's outdoors. Our group of active seniors meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the community center. We bring our own brown bag lunch and dessert and drinks are provided by a member. Then we enjoy each other's company playing cards or board games.

No one needs a special invitation to join us. Just walk in the door and you will be made so very welcome.

This month we celebrate mothers and anyone that plays a mother's role in the lives of others. We also congratulate our neighborhood graduates for their achievements. We are so very proud of you.



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

INSIDE: **Banquet Area 4'x6'** Indicate # of Spaces x \$70.00 (6' table with 1 Chair)

Bay Area 9'x9' Indicate # of Spaces **FULL** x \$75.00

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Will you be using a generator? YES or NO

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Payment can also be made by PayPal to: @EncinoParkWomensClub

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

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Applications received AFTER September 20th, must include an additional \$10.00 and MUST be in guaranteed funds (cashier's check or money order, Paypal). Applications will be returned if additional fee is not included.

RELEASE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I hereby make an application to participate in the EPWC's Market Days @ Encino Park event to be held October 4, 2025 at the Encino Park Community Center. I have read and hereby agree to abide by the regulations & conditions set forth in the EPWC's 2025 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.

Vendor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

ENCINO PARK WOMEN'S CLUB

c/o Elice Palmer, 19822 Park Ranch San Antonio, Texas 78259 or 210-288-1389

EPWC Use

Date Received

Amount:

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MARKET DAYS @ ENCINO PARK

Saturday, October 4, 2025, 9am-5pm
ENCINO PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
1923 Encino Rio, San Antonio, Texas 78259

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 without prior EPWC approval.
5. All vendors are expected to operate for the full duration of the Market Days event. PLEASE do not pack up until 5:00 pm.
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 if you are a new vendor. 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 the week prior to the event 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, Instagram, 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 left available for your customers! Vendor parking is available at the pool parking lot or side streets (Creek Country or Creek Hill).
15. All vendors participating in our show, 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 trash from their booth and any trash/garbage bags.
17. Food and drinks will be sold. A vendor may bring in food/drink for personal consumption. Smoking is not permitted.
18. Add \$10.00 for any applications received/postmarked after September 20th, 2024.

All payments made after September 20th must be in guaranteed funds (cashier's check, Paypal, cash or money order). Entry fee will not be refunded after September 16, 2025.

MARKET DAYS @ ENCINO PARK WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE

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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:

Elice Palmer @ epmarketdays@gmail.com or by cell @ 210-288-1389

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Please follow us at Encino Park Involvement Committee to be in the know on the EPIC events happening this year.

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A. I STRETCH AND YAWN ACROSS THE SKY, MY COLORS COME BEFORE GOODBYE. YOU WILL FIND ME QUIET, BOLD, OR BRIGHT - A PAINTED PAUSE BEFORE THE NIGHT. WHAT AM I?

B. YOU USE ME DAILY, YET I STAY UNSEEN, IM FELT, NOT TOUCHED; IM CAUGHT BETWEEN. I CARRY WORDS, I LIFT A KITE, AND HOWL WITH STORMS DEEP IN THE NIGHT. WHAT AM I?

a. A sunset b. The wind



WE'RE GLAD YOU ASKED!

For those of you in the Encino Crown/ Encino Summit and Encino Cliff/Encino Creek sections of Encino Park, you will have noticed that your cluster box units (CBUs) were replaced at the end of March with new CBUs and new keys for your mailbox issued by the United States Post Office (USPS). Hopefully by the time you are reading this note, you are settled and getting your mail is back to a normal routine.

Late last year after numerous vandalisms on the existing CBUs had left a number of boxes damaged beyond repair, the Encino Park HOA engaged in the task of replacing the complete CBUs since individual boxes within the cluster cannot be replaced. We engaged the USPS and followed their process for getting these replaced as explained below.

Per the USPS, the HOA was responsible for the cost of the CBU and we contacted a number of vendors for cost estimates before selecting a newer and more secure cluster from the selected vendor/contractor.

From there, the replacement date was scheduled and we coordinated with the USPS a couple of days in advance so that the carrier could remove all the mail and their maintenance department could remove the old locks. The contractor installed the CBU on March 27th and labeled the keys from left to right facing the CBUs and delivered them to the Perrin Beitel Post Office.

Finally, on the 28th, a USPS Maintenance technician set up the new CBUs and delivered the keys to our local Post Office. There was a delay on the technician's part in posting a placard on the CBU informing the homeowners that their keys would be available for pick at the local post office and many of you had to wait to the beginning on the week, 3/31, to pick up your keys from the post office and get your mail. We apologize for that confusion.

A number of residents asked if they could just install a curbside mailbox in front of their house in place of their CBU box. Unfortunately, per USPS national requirements, once centralized delivery has been established in a community (as denoted in the sections of Encino Park above), a change in delivery mode will not be approved. Per the USPS, delivery to CBUs is the most efficient mode of mail delivery and is far more secure than free standing mailboxes which are more susceptible to mail theft.

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Interested in joining? Go to Troop360.net



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 5104

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.

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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)
Blake Micklitz	13	210-410-2990	Babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting, lawn mowing, power washing (6/24)
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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Roman Colosseum, Italy

Once a stage for gladiators, this ancient amphitheater still echoes with stories of Rome's grandeur.



The Great Wall of China – Spanning over 13,000 miles, this defensive structure weaves through the mountains and valleys of northern China, a monument to endurance and protection.

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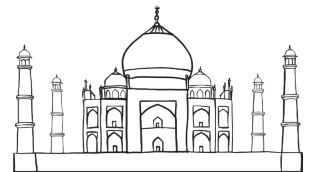
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Machu Picchu, Peru – Perched high in the Andes, this Incan citadel holds secrets of a once-thriving empire and stuns with its harmony with nature.



Chichen Itza, Mexico – A Mayan archaeological site famed for its astronomical precision and the majestic El Castillo pyramid.

The Taj Mahal, India – A white marble mausoleum built for love, symbolizing eternal devotion and exquisite Mughal artistry.



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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.



George has taught hundreds of senior citizens about technology one-on-one and at several Senior Centers since 2016. He will help you with your specific technology questions. If you plan to join us, please begin your list of questions to the meeting, as the topics discussed are based on your needs!

Since the meeting is around the lunch hour, we ask you bring your own refreshments, as none will be provided. Please feel free to arrive and stay as long as you like during the 3 hour window.

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