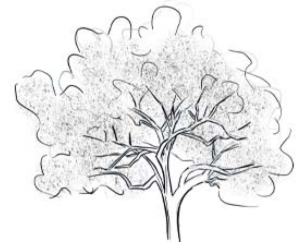




Gardens of Oak Hollow

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

Neighborly News



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Save The Date



**HOA General Meeting
& 2023 Spring Fling**
4 to 6 PM, Sunday, April 16
Shadow Park South Commons

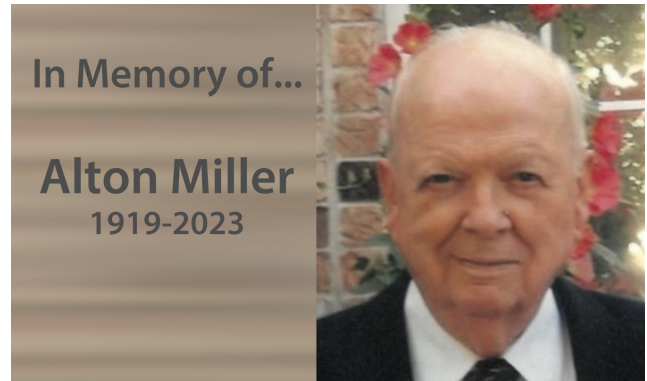
Our Annual General Meeting is established for ALL community members to come together and address items of interest for our Community. Your voice and ideas are important to be heard.

Agenda items and discussion topics include:

- election of HOA Executive Officers.
- covenant change to address garbage cans in the alley.
- potential \$25 dues increase for 2024.
- need for voluntary legal fund.
- ideas about common areas

NOTE: Attendees are requested to bring an appetizer and/or a dessert, plus their own drink.

Rest in Peace



Alton Miller, devoted son, husband and father, was promoted to spend eternity with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on March 11, 2023. He was 103 years of age. Alton and Elizabeth were devoted members of our Community for twenty years.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
THURSDAY,
MARCH 23, 2023
2:00 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
515 McCULLOUGH AVENUE

**What sits at the
bottom of the sea
and twitches?**

A nervous wreck.

First Day of Spring



Welcome to Spring 2023. The March Equinox happened last Monday, March 20, at 5:24 P.M. EDT. On the March equinox, the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere receive roughly equal amounts of sunlight; neither hemisphere is tilted more toward or away from the Sun than the other.

Interesting Fact

Equinoxes are the only two times each year that the Sun rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth! While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

Folklore

According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end on the equinox. Is this true?

A: This egg folklore became popular in 1945 following a LIFE article about the spring practice. "The origins of this myth are attributed to stories that the ancient Chinese would create displays of eggs standing on end during the first day of spring," according to John Millis, assistant professor of physics and astronomy at Anderson University in South Carolina. "The ancient

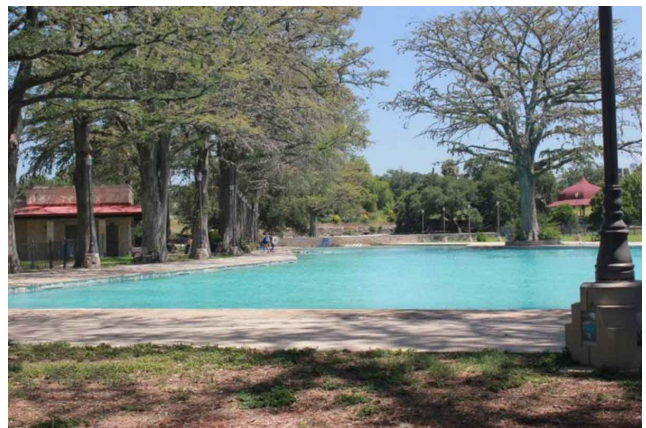
Chinese celebrated the first day of spring about six weeks earlier than the equinox" — not just on the equinox itself.

As with most folklore, it's only partly true. You should be able to balance an egg on its end on the equinox, but it's possible to balance an egg on other days, too!

Try It

Folklore or not, this egg trick sounded like fun to us. One spring, a few minutes before the vernal equinox, several Almanac editors tried this trick. For a full workday, 17 out of 24 eggs stood on end. Three days later, we tried this trick again and found similar results. Perhaps three days after the equinox was still too near. Perhaps the equinox has nothing to do with it. Perhaps we just don't like to take ourselves too seriously! (*Source: Almanac.com*)

San Pedro Springs Park



Did you know that San Pedro Springs Park is not only the oldest park in Texas, but also the oldest municipal park in the United States?

The history of this land reaches back to early 1700s. Located on land owned by the Spanish government and dedicated for public use in the 18th Century, San Pedro

Springs Park has had many people gather there for some 12,000 years, according to the city. Hunter-gatherers found water, food, and rock to fashion weapons, and Spanish explorers first established their camps here in the late 17th century.

In 1709, Fathers Antonio de San Buenaventura de Olivares and Isidro Felix de Espinosa named the waters "San Pedro Springs". In 1731-34, the Spanish constructed an acequia to carry water to town for irrigation and household use.

First Caretaker

John Jacob Duerler, a Swiss landscape designer, was an early resident and caretaker of the park. In 1852 had purchased land adjoining San Pedro Springs from the city and rented the land surrounding the springs. Over the next 10 years, Duerler planted numerous trees and shrubs. He also made ponds for boating, fishing, and swimming, according to the Texas State Historical Association. He also built bathhouses, a tropical garden, picnic and concession areas, a small zoo, an aviary, a racetrack, and a pavilion for concerts and dances. The city later began to manage the park after Duerler died in 1874.

Renovations

The 1998-2000 renovation of San Pedro Springs Park retained many of the historical uses and restored landscape and structural features that are important reminders of the park's long and interesting history. San Pedro Springs Park was then entered into the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. After the renovation, the park re-opened with bridges, benches, planting beds, and stone-lined pathways, which are still there to this day. A municipal swimming pool, fed by the springs, was built in San

Pedro Springs Park in 1922, followed by a community playhouse and a branch library in 1929 – all are also still in use.

Today

Walking the grounds, there isn't a lot of trails to follow. It's surrounded by streets and neighborhoods so you're not exactly escaping the bustling sounds of the city. However, you can hang out at the playground, on benches or under the tall trees. (Source: *MySanAntonio.com*)

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Puzzle of the Day

Did Jonah cry when the whale swallowed him?

He thought he was going to blubber, but he didn't.

Word of the Day

Perigee

The point in the Moon's orbit that is closest to Earth.

Advice of the Day

Never gulp tea or gruel; always sip it.

Home Hint of the Day

An old-time way of filling surface scratches in wooden furniture is to rub the scratches with a piece of walnut meat, then polish with a soft rag.