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Official Publication of Travis Country West Community

## The Live Oak Network of BNI

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## Travis Country West Homeowners Association

The Annual Meeting of the Travis Country West Home Owners Association will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

We will have information at the meeting regarding volunteering for a neighborhood committee. **PLEASE HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BY VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:**

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**  
**POOL COMMITTEE**  
**LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**  
**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**  
**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE**

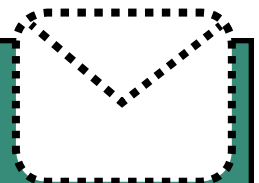
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*For information email: [board@traviscountrywest.org](mailto:board@traviscountrywest.org)*

### TCW COMMITTEES

*The neighborhood has started the following committees and we are always looking for new volunteers. Please use the contact email for questions and volunteer opportunities.*

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Abandoned Vehicle ..... 280-0075  
Pothole Repair ..... 974-8750  
Street Light Outage ..... 505-7617

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## Newsletter Articles Needed

Good News! We have a volunteer to serve as Newsletter Editor. In the coming issues, you should see more TCW specific content but the Newsletter Committee is seeking your help to make this happen.

The Newsletter Committee is requesting articles on community-related topics and interests. If you are interested in submitting an article, please send your article by email in Word format to: [newsletter@traviscountrywest.org](mailto:newsletter@traviscountrywest.org). The monthly newsletter is a free service provided by Peel Inc. and is delivered to the residents of TCW the first week of every month. For more details please visit [www.peelinc.com](http://www.peelinc.com).

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# Travis Country West

June 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Donut Day	2	3 Egg Day	4	5 World Environment Day	6 National Family Day
7 National Cancer Survivor's Day	8	9 Best Friends Day	10	11 National Hug Day	12 Red Rose Day	13
14 Flag Day	15	16 Home Owners Association Meeting @ 7pm	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Take Your Dog to Work Day
21 Father's Day	22	23 National Pink Day	24	25 Paddington Bear's Bday - 58	26 TCW "End of School Party"	27 Helen Keller's Birthday
28	29 Camera Day	30 Meteor Day				



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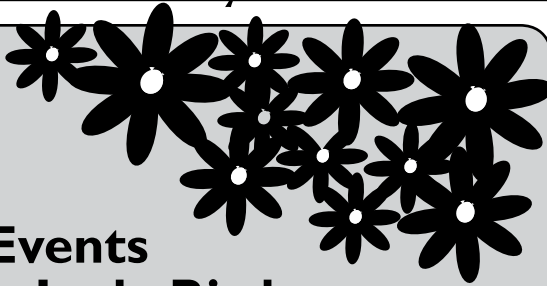
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## June Events at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

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*JUNE 6 THROUGH 28*

Wildflowers and wildlife in colorful oils and acrylics at the McDermott Learning Center.

NATIONAL TRAIL DAYS

*SATURDAY, JUNE 6*

Scott B. Fleenor will sign the new Plants of Central Texas Wetlands and Invertebrates of Texas, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the store.

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SALE

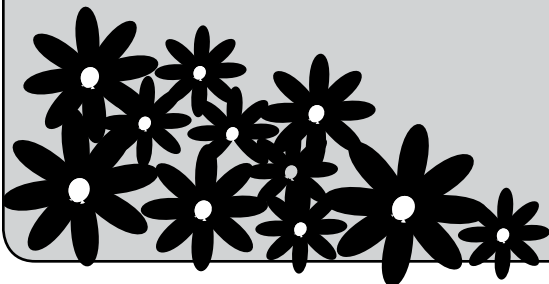
*SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 13 AND 14*

Discounts on door mats, bird feeders and patio furniture for outdoor living at the store.

SUMMER SALES & CLEARANCES

*SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 27 AND 28*

Drastic reductions—up to 75 percent—on gifts, apparel, seasonal items in the store



## Recipe of the Month:



## Easy Potato Salad

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 boiled eggs
- 2 tablespoons dill pickle relish
- 2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
- 3 tablespoons mustard
- 1 cup of mayonnaise
- 2 lbs small red potatoes cooked and cut into quarters
- Salt
- Pepper

### DIRECTIONS

1. Place potatoes in a large mixing bowl.
2. Add rest of ingredients.
3. Salt and Pepper to taste.

*If you would like to submit YOUR recipe  
email it to [articles@peelinc.com](mailto:articles@peelinc.com).*

### !!! Travis Country West Newsletter !!!

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## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Vacation Bible School | **June 15-19**

Going Beyond - Women's Conference with Priscilla Shirer | **June 26-27**

Patriotic Celebration - Both Sunday Services | **June 28**

Children's Fine Art Workshop | **July 6-10**

Veggie Tales Day Camp | **July 27-31**

Middle / High School Camps - Baylor University | **July 27-31**

Celebrate Recovery | **Mondays, 7 pm, 2nd floor of building A**

### Regular Sunday Schedule:

9:30 & 11 am

Bible Life Groups for all ages

9:30 am

Celebration - Connection | *Worship Choir & Orchestra*

11:00 am

Life - Connection | *Worship Band*

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## TCW Hike and Bike Trail Map



*Gravel Trail and Blacktop Lap include Short LoopBack Milage = 1.77 miles  
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*Gravel Trail Only  
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# Nature Watch

by Jim and Lynne Weber



## CAVERNS & CAVES

Millions of years ago, the great seas that stood over Texas deposited the makings of thick layers of limestone. As the land rose and the seas fell, eons of rainfall leached out hollows, deep pits, and underground streambeds, and over time, these deeply hidden worlds built a silent beauty. Today, Texas is riddled with over three thousand known caves and sinkholes, most of them in the Edwards Plateau region of central Texas.

The most important factor in cave formation is the presence of carbon dioxide in water, the main source of which is found in the soil. Rains form a weak carbonic acid that drives the progressive process of dissolution, a process that is more common in limestone than in any other type of rock. Fractures in the limestone allow this weak acidic water to fill voids in the rock, and as the water flow eventually decreases and the water table recedes, caves may become dry or partially dry.

Some of the carbon dioxide that was in the water is released into the cave atmosphere, causing the water to become less acidic, and the calcium carbonate dissolved in it begins to form tiny crystals or precipitate. Individual crystals build upon one another, and a steady drip from a cave ceiling can create a wide variety of cave formations. There are downward-building stalactites, upward-growing stalagmites, and if the two grow together they can form a column. Ribbons of stone can develop into shapes resembling draperies, curtains, soda straws, coral, pearls, and even strips of bacon!

The unusual and ever-changing environment of a cave with its constant darkness, temperature, and relative humidity creates unique and interesting inhabitants. Scientists believe that many are relic species, isolated populations that were left to follow their own evolutionary path. Those species truly adapted to caves have reduced eyes & pigment, slender bodies, and extra long legs, which allows the animal to spread itself over a larger surface area in such a food-poor environment. These extreme adaptations can be seen in many of central Texas' threatened and endangered species such as cave salamanders, beetles,



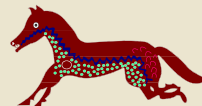
spiders, pseudoscorpions, and other cave invertebrates. While several species of bats inhabit Texas caves – almost 100 million in about a dozen caves – they routinely leave the caves in search of food and therefore show the least adaptation and restriction to these environments.

While many central Texas caves are considered “wild” and are explored mainly by expert cavers, geologists and biologists, seven of these caves are considered “show” caves, or caves that have been

developed enough to be enjoyed by the general public. Natural Bridge Caverns, located north of San Antonio, is the largest commercial cave in Texas, and full of draperies, curtains, stalagmites, and stalactites. Cascade Caverns in Boerne, otherwise known as the “Peep in the Deep”, has a 90-foot waterfall when conditions are wet. Wonder World Cave in San Marcos is the oldest commercial cave in Texas, where you can find ceilings full of fossils and directly view the waters of the Edwards aquifer as well as the underside of the Balcones fault line. Longhorn Caverns in Burnet was used for shelter by the Comanche Indians and for worship by a local church, and has large calcite crystals filling its walls. Inner Space Caverns in Georgetown features soda straw ceilings and an underground theater for educational programs. The Caverns of Sonora, a short drive from Sonora, was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1966, and is one of the most active caves in the world, with over 95% of its formations still growing. The Cave Without a Name, just northeast of Boerne, holds the state's best examples of cave bacon, one of which is almost 22 feet long!

As unique features of the land, caves are protected by Texas law, and benefit from the stewardship of cavers, cave owners, and the general public. Marvel at the formations (but don't touch), seek to understand their origins, and remember, summer is the perfect time to get out of the Texas heat by heading down into a cave!

Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto:naturewatch@austin.rr.com) and we'll do our best to answer them.



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