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SCOOP THE POOP, AUSTIN!

Clean up after your pets, neighbors! Please be considerate to fellow residents. When you take your pets on a stroll through the neighborhood, bring "poop bags" and clean up after them! No one likes to find the "mess" left in their yard. Here's what the City of Austin has to say about the issue:

The City of Austin is kicking off a new educational campaign to encourage Austinites to clean up after their pups. While Mutt Mitt dispensers containing free plastic "scooping" bags have been located throughout city parks since 2000, water quality monitoring data shows continued problems with bacteria at multiple locations across Austin. Since much of this bacteria has been tied to pet waste that is not disposed of properly, the City of Austin is revamping and strengthening outreach efforts to educate pet owners about their important role in keeping Austin and its waterways clean and healthy.

While one little pet deposit may seem harmless, accumulation of pet waste across the city adds up quickly! Austin's dog population is estimated at 120,000,

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Why We Have A Design Review Process

Spring is in the air!!!! With the start of Spring just around the corner, the Board wants to remind everyone that any exterior alterations or improvements need the approval of the Architectural Control Committee! This includes painting of your home in anything other than the original color of the house, fences and any landscaping changes you might be thinking about. The process is simple!!! Please read below for further information. If you have already made changes without prior ACC approval, the board asks that you still fill out a form and send it in to Real Manage ASAP!

Like many community associations, we have a set of written design review standards and processes. Some homeowners mistakenly believe these standards restrict their freedom of individual expression; actually they provide a framework within which each homeowner can express individual tastes and preferences. The standards have been carefully developed to reflect a balance between individual rights and the good of the entire association – that is, property values.

Ok, but why do we need processes and guidelines to maintain architectural standards? Perhaps most importantly, we need a basis for treating all homeowners fairly and reasonably. Written guidelines allow you and the design review committee to work from the same criteria.

Sometimes architectural requirements can be complex. The guidelines show you exactly what is required and help you design improvements that comply with the community's standards.

And then there's the application and approval part of the process. The review committee members assure you they want the paperwork to be as simple as possible for everyone. The guidelines take the guesswork out of your application and their decision-making.

In fact, they not only provide criteria for the current committee to make appropriate decisions but for the successive committee members to make consistent decisions in the future. Without these criteria in the guidelines, the application approved today may result in construction deemed unacceptable by new committee members upon completion.

One last purpose of the guidelines is to clarify the association's authority in this area. State statutes and our governing documents give the association a legal right to enact and enforce design review standards. The guidelines spell this out so everyone understands they must comply even if they don't agree. To request an ACC approval form please email service@ realmanage.com, call Real Service at 1-866-473-2573, visit our website at www.legendoaks2. org, or the file section of the Legend Oaks Yahoo Group.

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with each dog producing an average of one half pound of waste daily. This is a city-wide total of nearly five dump truck loads per day, or approximately 22 million pounds of dog waste per year.

We know that pet waste can be unattractive, foul-smelling and an obstacle underfoot, but there has been little emphasis on the health hazards to pets and humans, particularly children who are more apt to come in contact with it while playing outdoors. Pet waste contains dangerous bacteria like salmonella and E. Coli, and harmful parasites like giardia and roundworms. When washed into our creeks and lakes, pet waste can also cause aquatic weeds and algae to flourish, eventually causing rethe water that can result in fish kills.

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Time:11:00 AM Social - 12 Noon Luncheon **Date:** March 17, 2010 (Reservations required by

Thursday, March 11th)

Location: Green Pastures Restaurant

811 W. Live Oak Street, Austin, 78704

Luncheon Cost: \$20 per person For Luncheon Reservations email:

LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com or

contact Marilyn Amey, 473-0118

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March Program: Get to know Austin Monthly and how it informs and entertains it's readers in the capitol area

Speaking to us this month will be Melissa Delaney, editor-in-chief of Austin Monthly and assistant editor Austin W.G. Morton.

Austin Monthly is a glossy full color, urban lifestyle magazine which depicts Austin's culture with stories, event listings, fashion, shopping, dining, the arts, restaurant reviews and reflective personal essays. The magazine continues to grow at a rapid pace since it's initial publication in 1992.

Melissa Delaney, is an award winning journalist who worked as a reporter and editor at Boston area newspapers, then joined the staff of Computerworld during the height of the tech boom. After years of freelancing at several national magazines, Delaney joined Austin Monthly where she steers the staff through the planning, creation and production of the magazine.

Austin Morton is a 2008 Virginia Tech graduate. She currently edits the Events, Scene and Style sections. Austin says although she has been here 2 years, she still learns something new just about everyday while reporting on all the City of Austin has to offer.

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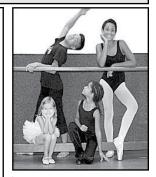
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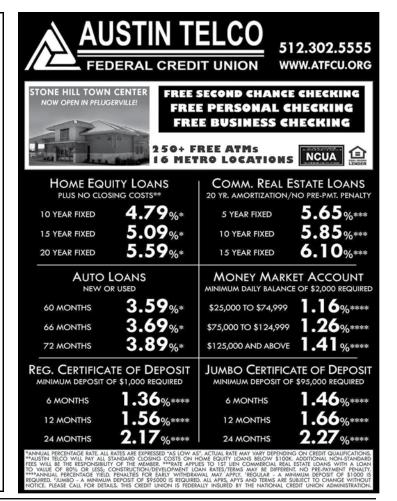
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- 10. Special case only (2 wds.)
- 11. Lemony
- 12. Passes at the bull
- 13. Of this
- 15. Feign
- 16. Long scoldings
- 18. Tutee
- 21. To be
- 22. Band instrument
- 26. cotta (clay)
- 28. Too
- 29. Append (2 wds.)
- 30. Worker
- 31. Honker
- 32. University (abbr.)

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DOWN

- 1. Fit together
- 2. Healing plant
- 3. Speak indistinctly
- 4. To this document
- 5. Food and drug administration (abbr.)
- 6. Leading
- 7. Time being
- 8. Beats it!
- 10. Wrangle
- 14. What the Tin Man needed
- 17. Naval fleet
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