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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



RANCH ESTATE GARAGE SALE

2500 Waymaker Way

Sat July 9th

8am-2pm

FLAGS OVER DAVENPORT RANCH

Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day. What do all these holidays have in common? Together we celebrate our patriotism and love of our country when we fly American flags on these days.

In a simple service project named Flags Over Austin, Boy Scout Troop 990 has undertaken to encourage and demonstrate patriotism by decorating four neighborhoods in Austin. In addition to our own Davenport Ranch, Lost Creek, Barton Creek West, and Rollingwood will see local Boy Scouts going door-to-door to offer a service - one yard at a time - that will collectively fly hundreds, perhaps thousands of flags over these neighborhoods on these special holidays.

For a donation of \$40, a Boy Scout will come to the donor's yard on the morning of each holiday, mount a flag in the lawn next to the curb, then return in the evening to take the flag down. The $3' \times 5'$ flags on 8' poles will create flag-lined streets to help the neighborhood celebrate these holidays and remember a key sentiment that brings us together – love of our country.

The proceeds of this project will support the operational activities of Troop 990, which meets at St. John Neumann church, including scholarships to summer camps for local boys.

Come check out the flags on upcoming holidays – see especially Riva Ridge, Carry Back, Needles Drive, Nashua Court, and Gun Bow Court – and if the spirit moves you, join in the cause by contacting the originator of the project, our own Scott Boyd at sfmclboyd@sbcglobal.net.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

DAVENPORT - CENTRAL WEST DISTRICT OF POLICE DEPT NEW BAKER 4 DR SENIOR PATROL OFFICER

EMERGENGY

Police and Fire Emergencies
Reports/Non-Emergencies
HOSPITALS
South Austin Hospital (10 miles) 512-447-2211 901 W. Ben White Blvd
Brackenridge hospital
Seton Hospital (10.5 miles)
corner of 35th and Medical Pkwy - best choice for serious problems
Children's Hospital of Austin (13 miles) 512-324-8000
I-35 and 15th
Seton Northwest (10 miles)
11113 Research (183 N just past Braker)
North Austin Hospital (8.5 miles)
Mopac and Parmer
Heart Hospital
3801 N. Lamar
Urgent Care day and after hours:
Austin Regional Clinic – FarWest 512-346-6611
6835 Austin Center Blvd
Poison Control1-800-222-1222
ANIMAL CONTROL

Envirocare Pest Control	512-416-9191
Animal Pick up (dead animals)	
Animal Control (pick up stray or injured)	
Barking Dog	

UTILITIES

Austin Energy Customer Service	512-494-9400
Austin Water Utility	512-494-9400
Texas Gas Service Customer Service	800-700-2443
Time Warner Cable Customer Service	512-485-5555
Phone Payments	512-485-6500
SBC 24-hr Info Line:	
Residential Phone Ordering:	1-800-464-7928
Residential Phone Repair:	

MISCELLANEOUS

Goodwin Management, Inc	512-502-7517
Abandoned Cars	
Airport- A.B.I.A. Flight Info	530-2242
Garbage Collection	
Lost mailbox key, Jim Howe; jimhowe@cox.m	net844-4222
Streetlight Problem	
Street Signs: Bridge & Street, Sam West	974-8775
Street Sign Replacement	
Hazardous Waste	

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Setting Boundaries

The Master Neighborhood Association which owns and maintains the greenbelts has discovered an increase in creeping encroachment by private owners. In order to protect the greenbelts which belong to all residents and to avoid liability and title issues, the Board is embarking on a program to identify encroachments and take appropriate action to have them removed.

Encroachments have occurred in several ways; throwing trash into the greenbelt instead of properly hauling it away, enclosing a portion of the greenbelt within a fence, clearing vegetation, landscaping, and building structures in the greenbelt. The Board will take action as appropriate to have the encroachment removed or to charge the owner with the cost of removal.

Bear in mind that if you sell or refinance your property and the survey shows an encroachment into property that you do not own, it can affect your title insurance.

Please be sure you know your lot boundaries and enjoy the greenbelt as it is.

Earline J. Wakefield **Property Manager**

City of Austin Water Restrictions begin May

Odd addresses may water Wednesday and Saturdays **Even addresses Thursday and Sundays**

At no time can you water after 10 am or before 7 pm

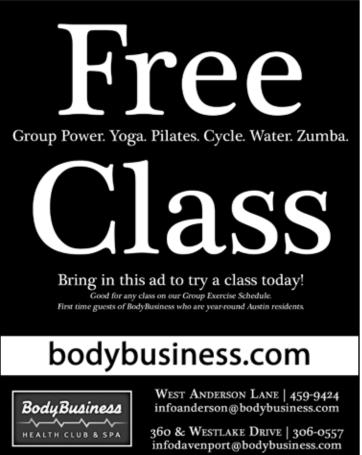
If you see the neighborhood sprinklers running during the day please contact Earline Wakefield immediately earline.wakefield @goodwintx.com or 512 470-5104

SCHOOL IS OUT

Please slow down and watch for children playing!! Never leave children playing alone near the swimming pool or lake.







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Please Keep Davenport Safe and Fire Free!

Davenport Ranch is at a high risk for fire and extensive property damage due to our beautiful greenspace we all enjoy.

Fires can occur from fireworks being launched over the 4th and also our outdoor fireplaces and kitchens. Davenport urges you to keep your families and homes safe by encouraging your famly members and neighbors to ban fireworks this year and limit outdoor charcoal grills without a spark barrier.

Fire Away (Far Away)

The New Year's fireworks season has passed without any harm to property or nature, but not without the irresponsible few creating fear and concern among their neighbors. Fireworks were not only heard and seen, but spent fireworks were found in private yards.

Fireworks are prohibited within the city limits of Austin. If the law is not a deterrent to those who set off fireworks, please consider that the greenbelts are tinder boxes right now. One spark could ignite a wildfire that would engulf homes and endanger lives.

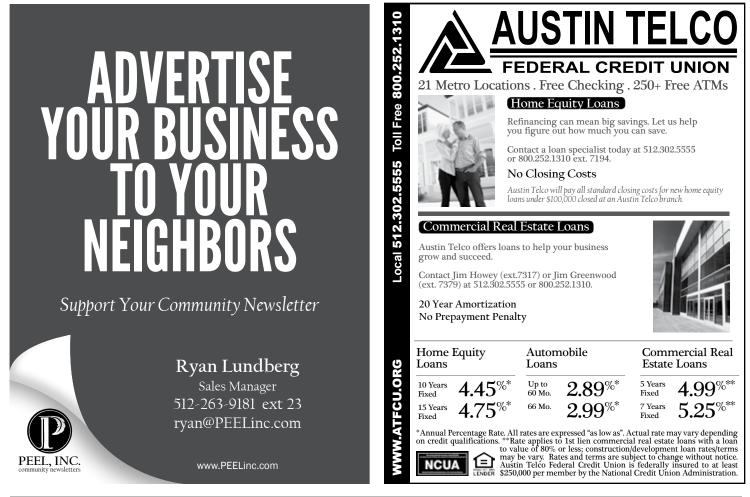
There will be extra patrols on future "fireworks holidays" to try to prevent any tragedy and perhaps bring some of the scofflaws to account. *-Earline J. Wakefield, Property Manager*

Fire Protection

- Tips on fire protection of your home from the Urban Wildland Interface Specialists
- Keep gutters and roofs free of debris
- Enclose wood decks with a nonflammable barrier –lattice work is tender for the fire and provides quick access under your deck
- Screen your vents to prevent leaves
- Wood fences should be joined to the house with a masonry/metal column so the wood does not directly touch the home
- Store firewood away from the house
- Trees should not overhang the house and be cut at least 10-15 feet back
- Remove dead wood from your yard and dead branches from the trees, but leave a canopy so as to prevent dry grasses from growing with new sun exposure

Burn Ban & Firework Ban!

Please keep family members and neighbors accountable and ask them not to fire off fireworks this year. Davenport is surrounded by beautiful greenbelts and homes that could be destroyed in minutes. Outdoor grills and fireplaces need to be covered with a spark screen to protect your neighbors.



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READY MADE FAMILY?

Siblings can be a source of frustration, rivalry and competition as children learn some of the more important lessons in life like communication, negotiation, teamwork and forgiveness. Siblings can also be a source of support, friendship, security and loyalty as children learn to grow together and value the unique aspects of having a family.

Keeping a group of siblings together that have been waiting in the foster care system is a worthy and challenging objective. Finding a family that will take a group of siblings to be permanent family is an even more difficult task. However, the value of having a permanent family for a group of siblings is immeasurable. Do you have the space in your home and in your heart to be the answered prayer for a sibling group looking for a home?

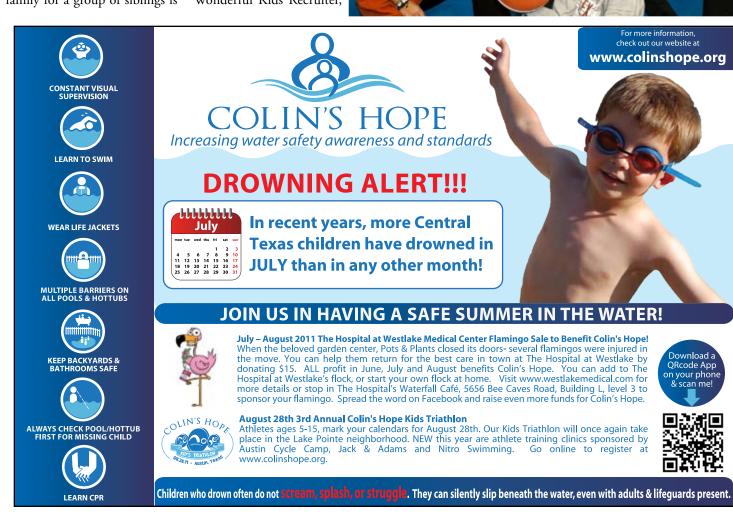
Maribel (15), Isabel (14), Noah (11), and Tereso (8) are a fabulous foursome looking forward to finding a forever family. As a group, they are smart, polite, engaging, active, and athletic. They hope to find a family that will allow them to stay together as well as encourage and support them in reaching their full potential.

To find out more about this wonderful group please contact Grace Lindgren, LMSW, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, at the Adoption Coalition of Texas (512) 810-0813 or gracelindgren@adopttexas.org

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive

> family support the child or sibling group.

To learn more about the adoption process and the Adoption Coalition of Texas, please call Bruce Thompson at 512-301-2825 or visit our website at http://www. adoptioncoalitiontx.org



Davenport Ranch AUSTIN NEWCOMERS CLUB JULY LUNCHEON

Austin Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to introducing residents to the Austin Community and giving them the opportunity to meet and make new friends. Join us at our monthly luncheon as well as take the opportunity to learn about and become involved in many varied fun Interest groups.

TIME:	11:00 AM Social
	12 Noon Luncheon
DATE:	July 20, 2011

(Reservations required by Thursday, July 14th) For Luncheon Reservations email: LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com or Diane Israelson 512-467-4979 For other Newcomers information visit

> www.austinnewcomers.com or call 512-314-5100

All About the Classical Guitar!

The Austin Classical Guitar Society (ACGS) is the largest of its kind in the nation

and presents a broad range of programming serving the Central Texas community.

ACGS programs include a seven-month International Concert Series, Summer Chamber Concert Series, Community Concert Series (30 free concerts), an Educational Outreach Program reaching nearly 800 students in 15 schools, free guitar lessons for low-income students, groundbreaking curriculum and teaching materials online at GuitarCurriculum.com. It also has a Community Guitarists program with amateur adult ensembles promoting life-long music education.

Executive Director, Dr. Matthew Hinsley, will present an engaging talk about the classical guitar in Austin. He will also perform a few selections. Hinsley will talk about the unique characteristics of the classical guitar that make it a powerful ambassador for the fine arts, discuss upcoming events, and entertain the group with music too. Dr. Matthew Hinsley?was trained as a classical guitarist and vocalist at the Interlochen Arts Academy, the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and the University of Texas at Austin. Beyond performing and scholarly pursuits, Dr. Hinsley has cultivated two primary professional interests: to enhance the way young classical guitarists are trained in America, and to transform the way arts organizations serve our diverse communities.

In 2008 his increasingly popular book, Classical Guitar for Young People, was published by EnvisionArts. He recently p u b l i s h e d his second book Creativity to Community: Arts Nonprofit Success One Coffee at a Time.



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NONE SHOULD HAVE TO SCOOP UP AFTER OTHER PEOPLES DOGS!!



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Celebrate Recovery Mondays @ 7:00 pm Codependency Group (for those with loved ones strugging with addiction) Sexual Addiction Group (male group) Chemical Addiction Groups (male & formale groups) Women's Support Groups (ealing disorders, sexual addiction)

Health, Hope & Healing | Mondays @ 7:00 pm Divorce Care Safe People

Specialty Classes Sundays @ 8:30 & 11:30 am Re-married/Blended Families Ladies Only and Men's Only Classes

Starting Soon: Men's Anger Management, Boundaries, Women's Wounded Heart (survivors of sexual abuse

WATCH LIVE services Sunday mornings or view any time at www.ghbc.org ng Schedule | 10:00 Worship | 8:30 & 11:30 - Bible Life Groups (all ages) Great Hills Baptist Church | the radiant



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aving lived in Davenport Ranch for 17 years, Liz understands what makes this such a great place to live. It's where she raised her family and created many great memories, but her connection as a real estate professional runs even deeper. Liz has worked directly with the developers and is proud to have been an integral part of helping this incredible community become what it is today. She's been President of the Neighborhood Association and served on the Board for an additional three years.

Quite simply, Liz knows these homes and neighborhoods like the back of her hand and she uses this in-depth knowledge and expertise to help others make the most of their opportunities in Davenport Ranch. For your next home purchase or sale here, turn to the resident expert. Call Liz Newell today and *Let's Make it Happen!* When you call, be sure to ask for a complimentary copy of her special report **"7 Insider Secrets On Showcasing Your Home for a Successful Sale."**

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