

THE RIVER REVIEW

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News For The Residents of River Place

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Congratulations

RIVER PLACE GARDEN CLUB JULY 2011 YARD OF THE MONTH



- 10604 Little Wind Cove -

Congratulations to Richard and Gayelynn Butler of 10604 Little Wind Cove for being selected as the garden club "Yard of the Month" for July.

If you know Gayelynn, you know she has an eye for design and making both interior and exterior spaces beautiful. She says she has always loved gardening, and we think it shows. This house was chosen for its inviting design, use of color, and a fabulous backyard, perfect for entertaining.

With her overall design in place, Gayelynn says her goals now will be to make choices that create a low maintenance and more weather tolerant

landscape by selecting more native and drought resistant plants, and replacing some of her annuals with more perennials. If you get a chance, drive by.

Realtor, Mary Rachkind, a garden club member, awards Yard of the month winners with a gift certificate for \$50.00. If you are interested in joining the River Place Garden Club, please contact Becky Wolfe at 344-9967. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month, and will start again in September.

**SUBMITTED BY: BECKY WOLFE,
PRESIDENT 2011-2012
RIVER PLACE GARDEN CLUB**

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Austin, TX, - Four Points Chamber of Commerce hosts Janelle Monney, Founding and Managing Partner of The Monney Group, LLC, a success coaching company in Austin that helps motivated high achievers work differently and more effectively than the competition. At Four Points Chamber of Commerce, August Luncheon, Monney will provide you with specific, action-oriented steps designed to help you realize your dreams and create your best life exploring questions like:

- Are you on target to achieve your goals, both and personally and professionally?
- Are you thriving or just surviving?
- What about the ever-elusive holy grail of "work-life" balance?

Four Points Chamber luncheons provide stimulating discussions for local individuals, businesses and organizations to gain new insights and foster business growth. Membership is not a requirement to come to the luncheon but you, Æöll want to register online to ensure your seat and receive early-bird discount pricing!

- Thursday, August 18, 2011
- Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m.
- At River Place Country Club, 4207 River Place Boulevard.

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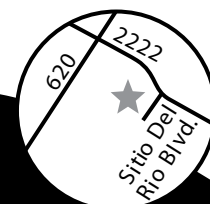
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Four Points Chamber of Commerce- (Continued from Cover Page)



*Janelle Monney Brings Success Message to
Four Points Chamber of Commerce Luncheon*

You can find all the details and register on the Four Points Chamber of Commerce Web site www.fourpointschamber.com. While you are at the Chamber's Web site be sure to check out the other networking activities offered by the chamber, including the bi-monthly Connectors networking meetings at Concordia University and monthly Happy Hour. On Thursday, August 25th join us for our Happy Hour. See www.fourpointschamber.com for details.

The Four Points Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities through social gatherings, luncheons and business network meetings. Now well over 100 members strong and growing, the Four Points Chamber of Commerce brings businesses together along Highway 620 from Hudson Bend and Mansfield Dam to Anderson Mill, and along Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente, to support business growth in the community. For more information about upcoming events contact us at FourPointsChamber@gmail.com, visit www.fourpointschamber.com or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to membership@FourPointsChamber.com.



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On Saturday, September 10, Austin will host a large, city-wide bake sale, with 100% of proceeds going to Cookies For Kids' Cancer.

Cookies For Kids' Cancer raises funds for pediatric cancer research through local bake sales. It was founded by Gretchen Witt, a very determined mother, to help increase her young son's odds in his cancer battle. When 2.5-year-old Liam was diagnosed in 2007, Gretchen was shocked to learn that the main reason over 25 percent of kids diagnosed with cancer do not survive is because of a lack of effective therapies. And the reason for the lack of therapies was very simple: lack of funding. Cookies for Kids' Cancer support research at leading pediatric cancer hospitals, including Texas Children's in Houston.

Sadly, Liam lost his battle to the disease this past January. Now, a group of Austin residents, Austin's Good Cookies, are determined to honor Liam's life and raise funds for pediatric cancer research.

The Austin City-Wide Bake Sale will take place at several locations throughout Austin, the main event being at the Hill Country Galleria Amphitheatre. We will have live music by Joe McDermott and Staci Gray, dance troupe performances, bounce houses, Kiwi the Clown, Gymboree on the Go, Beary Stuffables, raffles for Hill Country Galleria stores gift cards and more!

Austin City-wide Cookies For Kids' Cancer Bake Sale

WHAT: A bake sale to raise funds for pediatric cancer research.

WHERE: Steiner Ranch: Bella Mar & Towne Square soccer fields

WHEN: Saturday, September 10; 10 am – 3 pm

COST: All donations for activities and cookies go directly to Cookies for Kids' Cancer!

For more information on satellite locations for the bake sale and the Hill Country Galleria event, or if you are interested in volunteering, please go to our blog, www.austinsgoodcookies.com

Let's make the letter C mean cookies | cookiesforkidscancer.org

Lake Travis Community Library Launches Commemorative Brick Drive



The Lake Travis Community Library has announced a new fundraising effort in which commemorative bricks can be purchased by residents and businesses to honor whoever they like to help fund a new library building.

"The new facility will have two pathways in which bricks purchased by donors will be placed," said Ginger Gober, fundraising co-chair. "The Library Pathway will consist of bricks honoring individuals, organizations or businesses, while the Veterans Pathway will honor those who served in the military. Five percent of the Veterans brick donations will also be donated to the nonprofit organization Luke's Wings."

The Pathway of Friends engraved bricks come in three sizes and each brick will be engraved with two to four lines commemorating whatever the donor chooses. Donations will be based on the size of the brick and are priced at \$125, \$250 and \$500 each.

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THREE STEPS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS

Keep germs out of the pool:

- Take your kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.
- Change diapers in a bathroom or a diaper-changing area and not at poolside. Germs can spread in and around the pool.
- Wash your child thoroughly (especially the rear end) with soap and water before swimming. Invisible amounts of fecal matter can end up in the pool.

Lake Travis Community Library- (Continued from Page 5)

"This is a unique opportunity for anyone and everyone to have their name, or that of someone they know and love, forever immortalized in the Lake Travis Community Library," said Library Director Morgan McMillian. "The Pathway of Friends is a fundraising initiative to sell specially engraved paving bricks which will adorn the walkways of the new library."

Whether you choose to honor the person who first introduced you to the joys of reading, promote your business, or show your patriotism, a brick donation will impact the Invest in Lifelong Learning Capital Campaign and become a permanent part of the Lake Travis Community Library.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to permanently recognize someone important to you and help contribute to our new library building," said Gober.

For more information on the brick program, please contact the library or Ginger Gober at (512) 266-9567 and ginger@alangober.com.

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Dear Friends,

Greetings! It's time again to gather your neighbors and team up with your Law Enforcement Agency to give crime a going-away party.

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event held on the first Tuesday of October. NNO is sponsored by the National Night Out Association of Town Watch. This past year's NNO campaigns involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, business, neighborhood organizations and local public officials from more than 9,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, more than 29.5 million participated in National Night Out last year.

NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and law enforcement – community partnership. But its primary goal is to send a strong message to criminals to let them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

FIND THE REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 8

Along with the traditional display of porch lights and front-yard vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, visits from local law enforcement officers, parades, flashlight walks, contests and youth programs. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for safer communities. The benefits that your community will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office has promoted NNO for the past 27 years. Our participation has grown from helping with a handful of neighborhood get-togethers to more than 4,000 participants enjoying block parties, carnivals, parades and an assortment of other activities. Our involvement has grown from a couple of crime prevention officers, to dozens of patrol officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains, Majors, County Commissioners and the Sheriff.

NNO is a great way to get together with your neighbors, find out what's going on in your community and visit with local law enforcement officers about what you can do to help reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur. Participation can be as simple as a small block party, or as big as a parade or carnival. To get involved, or to find out how to register your event for NNO, call the Travis County Sheriff's Office at 854-8413.

Deputy James Kitchens

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Are you participating using only your porch light? Yes or No (Please circle one)

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Size of area you hope to organize: _____ houses _____ people _____ blocks

Would you like a representative from Sheriff's Office to be present: Yes or No (Please circle one)

Do you have a neighborhood newsletter? Yes or No (Please circle one) Contact Person: _____

Did your community participate in National Night Out 2010? _____

You may e-mail the application to:
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PLEASE RETURN ASAP TO:

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Important Note: This form must be returned to: (1) officially register your area, (2) receive organizational materials and updates.

4th Annual Mobile Loaves & Fishes Fun Run



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ART EXHIBITS THROUGH AUGUST 21

Catherine Flowers' intricate and colorful paintings on silk are in the McDermott Learning Center and T.J. Mabrey's elegant marble sculptures of water images are in the gardens.

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GO SEE THE BATS!

If you are a newcomer to Austin or even if you've been here a while and never seen the bats at the Congress Avenue Bridge, then now is the time.

The Congress Avenue Bridge in downtown Austin is the spring and summer home to some 750,000 bats with up to 1.5 million bats at the peak of the bat-watching season. It's the largest urban bat colony in North America.

Each evening around sunset the Congress Avenue bats emerge like a black cloud from the crevices of the bridge. They even show up on weather radars. Covering the countryside in search of food, it is estimated that the bats consume up to 30,000 pounds of insects.

Giving birth in June or July, the bats and pups hang around until October when they head back south.

Although the Congress Avenue bats are in residence as early as March, the best bat views are in August and early September when the young pups join their mothers in the nightly flights. It can take as long as 45 minutes for all the bats to exit the bridge. Flights normally occur around 8 to 8:30 pm but could be earlier or later. Best bet, call the Bat Hotline at 416-5700 ext. 3636 to get updates on the bats and approximate times when they are expected to emerge.

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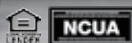
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Hill Country Education Foundation

The Hill Country Education Foundation raised over \$32,000 at its' inaugural fundraising event, the Giddy Up Gala. These funds will go towards funding teacher grants and programs to enhance the education of students in the Four Points communities. The event was held at the UT Golf Club and had 260 guests attend the dinner, silent/live auction and engaging demonstrations by Vandegrift's robotics club and River Place Elementary's outdoor learning environment, the Titan Garden. The evening also included memorable presentations by Dr. Bret Champion, LISD superintendent, Drew Sanders, athletic director at Vandegrift High School, Jan Masterson, science chair at Four Points Middle School and Kai Lamb, president of the foundation.



Board members of the Hill Country Education Foundation with their "Tree of Knowledge" which allowed supporters to purchase items requested from area schools. (left to right, Kai Lamb, Michelle Lamb, Christine Bailie, Michelle Beck and Brian Pitman, not pictured Pete Dwyer)



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How's Your "Brisketiquette?"

With the summer vacation in full swing, the kids out of school, and noodles floating in the pool, it's no doubt the grill is staying fired up. But...before you kick off the flip-flops, here are a few barbecue etiquette tips to ensure your grill fest goes down as the best on the block. Wait. Barbecue etiquette, you say? Yes, it exists.

1. If you're invited to a barbecue party thrown by an individual/family, avoid showing up empty-handed. A side of coleslaw, apple pie, or pitcher of lemonade will do the trick.

2. A barbecue is an informal affair – no need to worry about which fork and knife to use. Go ahead and use your fingers in lieu of utensils. Larger pieces of food, however, should be cut with a knife and fork. No need to get medieval on us.

3. If you're like many people who wonder what is the proper way to squeeze a lemon slice and a lemon wedge? Well, here is the

answer: if it is a slice, don't squeeze it-just drop it in the glass. If it is a wedge, cup your hand over it to prevent squirting, and squeeze it into the glass. Who likes lemon pulp in the eye? Not me.

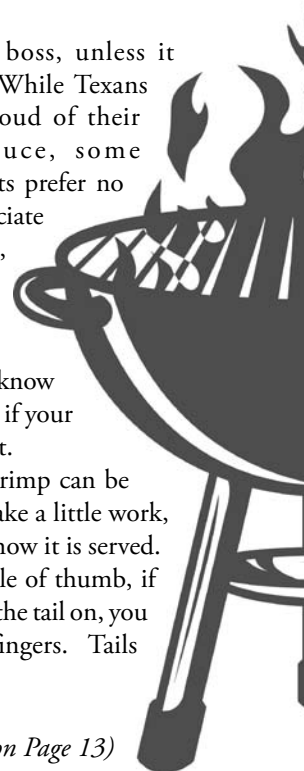
4. Corn on the cob vs. man. For most people, eating corn on the cob is one of life's biggest challenges. Okay, well, maybe it's just a challenge. The best way to approach a hot cob: simply, butter a few rows of corn at a time, hold the corn firmly by the ends with two hands (or use corn skewers), and eat a few rows at a time from left to right. If you prefer to skip the bite-off-the-cob approach, you may also cut kernels off of the cob with a knife, cutting in a vertical, downward manner.

5. Similar to corn on the cob, ribs are meant to be eaten with your hands. Given their messy nature, however, it's important to have napkins on hand. For this barbecue favorite, bibs are not necessary.

6. Sauce is boss, unless it isn't offered. While Texans are usually proud of their barbecue sauce, some barbecue purists prefer no sauce to appreciate the natural, smoked flavor of the meat. Ask for sauce only when you know it's available, or if your child requests it.

7. Grilled shrimp can be easy to eat or take a little work, depending on how it is served. As a general rule of thumb, if the shrimp has the tail on, you can use your fingers. Tails off, use a fork!

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How's Your Brisketiquette? - (Continued from Page 12)

8. When hosting a large group, be sure to have a wide variety of food options for vegetarians and children.

9. To pick or not to pick? Your teeth that is. Often times, meat can be tricky to eat and require some dental maintenance. At every expense, avoid removing food from your teeth in public. Toothpicks may be used, but only in private. So what should you do if you notice someone else in the same predicament? Be discreet, but do tell.

10. Last and not least, respect the griller's domain. If the host/griller has samples to offer, he/she will do so. Never assume you may help yourself to try what "smells good."

Now that the fundamentals are covered, what's for lunch?

This article was contributed by the National League of Junior Cotillions – Travis County, a contemporary etiquette, social skills and dance training program that serves 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in Austin. A parent informational session will be held on Tuesday, August 9th at the Lakeway Resort and Wednesday, August 10th at Barton Creek Country Club. Classes will commence in September 2011. To RSVP for the informational session or learn more about the program, contact Directors, Marisol Foster or Courtney Duncan at 512.369.8302, or duncan.foster@nljc.com. Class enrollment is limited, but registration is now available online at www.nljc.com/chapter/westaustin or www.nljc.com/chapter/lakeway.

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Seven Business Networking Groups in the Area

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Meetings are on Tuesday mornings from 8:00am to 9:30am at Hill Country Pasta House. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Elicia Rudberg at eliciarudberg@gmail.com for more information or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS BNI

Meetings are on Wednesday at lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the River Place Country Club. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Amy Oehler at amy.oehler@unitedlendingusa.com or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Four Points Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities at social gatherings, luncheons with guest speakers and activities. The Chamber brings businesses together along highway 620 from Hudson Bend to Anderson Mill and Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente. Four Points Chamber supports business growth in the community where we live, work and play. In less than 6 months

Four Points Chamber of Commerce exceeded its first year membership goals and continues to grow! For information about participating in upcoming events or membership benefits visit www.fourpointschamber.com or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to membership@FourPointsChamber.com.

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Networking Northwest Austin is expanding its member base of businesses in our area. NWNWA members build close business and personal relationships. We believe in business by referrals and having a limited member base (not duplicating professions), so you will not see your competitors here. We have a caring, positive, involved group of people who not only wish to build their business, but also want to build the strength of our networking group. NWNWA is updating its meeting times. Call Rich Keith, President, for information. RKeith@primerica.com, (512) 632-0162, or visit <http://www.meetup.com/NetWorking-NorthWest-Austin/>

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organization with 17 groups meeting all over the Austin area. The Steiner Ranch group meets every Friday at 8:00 am at Lakeside Pizza and Grill located in the Shops at Steiner Ranch at Steiner Ranch Blvd. and Quinlan. Come join us to grow your business.

LAKEWAY NETWORKING, INC.

We are a diverse group of business professionals in the Lake Travis area, helping our members to grow their businesses through qualified referrals. We meet every Wednesday at 8AM at Johnny Fins, located at 16405 Clara Van Street, in Lakeway. Come visit us and see how your business can benefit by being a member of Lakeway Networking. For more information, please contact Kelly Connor at Kellyconnor@austin.rr.com or 512-736-2495.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL -

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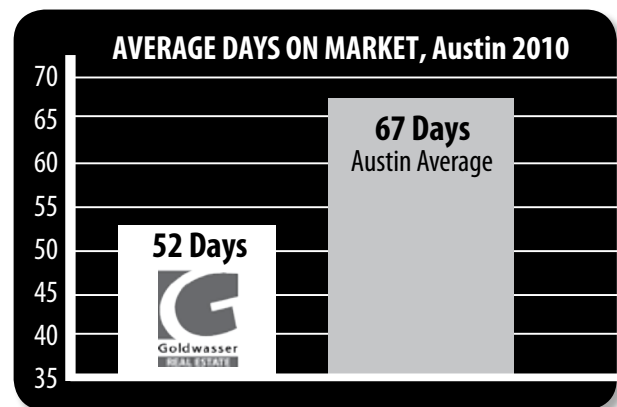
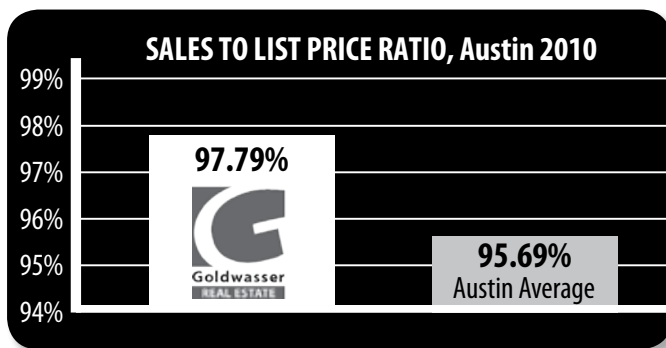
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