

Dripping With Taste

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL 2012

By Around Dripping Springs

WWW.AROUNDDRIPPINGSRINGS.COM

The 5th annual Dripping with Taste Wine & Food Festival will take its popular foodie-tainment event to another level on Saturday, September 8, with a new location and expanded offerings of gourmet foods, local wines, craft beers, artisans, and live music.

Shannon Moler, Director of the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau which sponsors the festival, said the venue relocation to the Texas Hill Country Olive Company offers the perfect setting.

"The Texas Olive Company's Tuscan-styled tasting room and orchard is breathtaking, and right in the heart of Dripping Springs," Moler said.

Moler, who is also the event chair, said the festival showcases the variety and quality of foods and wines throughout the Central Texas Hill Country region, starting with Dripping Springs.

"Local wineries like West Cave Cellars and Bell Springs are coming, and Fredericksburg wineries like Grape Creek and Becker are coming," Moler said. "We have more than 20 wineries from throughout the region, as well as chefs and dozens of area gourmet and specialty foods, plus, more than two dozen creative artisan vendors, too."

"Another surprise for visitors to Dripping Springs is the local craft beers, which will be represented at DWT2012 by area breweries like Jester King, Thirsty Planet, Independence, and Twisted X."

Moler said other locally crafted, unique beverage options at this year's festival will include sparkling hard cider from Argus Cidery, and Texas Sake. Making their first appearance also will be Texas Coffee Traders from Austin. Even Williams Sonoma is sending a chef to the festival for the first time, to present two cooking demonstrations.

The lineup of live music entertainment will be varied and upbeat, with five bands scheduled to play throughout the day. The festival will close with a VIP awards ceremony from 7pm - 8pm, for the best in show chefs, wines, and foods. And speaking of VIP, even the women's bathroom facilities on site will be upscale, with "Elite Silver Platinum" air-conditioned trailers featuring individual stalls with sinks and mirrors.

Proceeds from this year's festival benefit the non-profit Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau, launched in early 2012 with a mission to attract Hill Country visitors and guests to the town. According to Moler, the Dripping with Taste festival is made possible through a concerted community effort that pays off for visitors and residents alike.

"This event takes a lot of energized volunteers, community leaders and business owners but the effort is worth it," Moler said. "Visitors are delighted to learn they can experience all the Hill Country has to offer this close to Austin. Everyone loves this event and it just gets better each year."

THE MONITOR

WELCOME

A Newsletter for Meridian residents

The Monitor is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Meridian residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com or you can email it meridian@peelinc.com. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.

Our goal is to keep you informed!

ADVERTISING INFO

Please support the advertisers that make The Monitor possible. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales office at 512-263-9181 or advertising@PEELinc.com. The advertising deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

NEWSLETTER INFO

PUBLISHER

Peel, Inc. www.PEELinc.com, 512-263-9181
Advertising..... advertising@PEELinc.com, 512-263-9181

**NOT AVAILABLE
ONLINE**

The Monitor is a private publication published by Peel, Inc. It is not sanctioned by any homeowners association or organization, nor is it subject to the approval of any homeowners association or organization, nor is it intended, nor implied to replace any publication that may be published by or on behalf of any homeowners association or organization. At no time will any source be allowed to use The Monitor's contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from Peel, Inc. The information in the newsletter is exclusively for the private use of Peel, Inc.

Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.



**Come learn why we're saying
HOA is not a four letter word!**

**Admission is FREE
UT Alumni Center September 21st**

Join other Austin area community association leaders to
learn industry best practices that work.

- *The 7 Deadly Sins of HOA Boards*
- *Cyber Theft - Who Has The Keys to Your Account?*
- *Board Member Survival - Best Practices for New and Seasoned Directors*
- *Four People You Should Know*
- *Becoming Firewise - Make Your Community Safe*
- *Money Saving, Water Saving Tools for Your Community*

Visit any of over 65 industry exhibitors there to help you
govern your neighborhood responsibly

Full details and online registration at:

<http://www.caiaustinevents.org/2012conf&expo>
512-858-5228 caidunst@live.com

*Come visit your PEEL, Inc. team at
booth #R3 in the Rotunda!*



LOCAL DOG RESCUE COLLECTING UNWANTED PET ITEMS SEPT. 6-9

Wags, Hope and Healing (WHH), a rescue and rehabilitation center for neglected dogs, is collecting new or slightly used pet items from Thursday, September 6, through Sunday, September 9.

The organization recently moved to a remarkable six-acre plot in southwest Austin to better enable them to assist dogs in need. WHH is reaching out to the community to help them prepare for their growing number of rehabilitating dogs and increasing financial costs.

ITEMS ON THEIR WISH LIST INCLUDE:

- Canned and dry dog food
- Clean bedding/towels
- Collars and leashes
- Dog toys
- Kiddie pools
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- New or used fencing material (please call ahead with large items so they can be picked up same-day 512-777-9936)

DROP-OFF ZONES IN THE AUSTIN AREA INCLUDE:

SPICEWOOD:

Paleface Feed & Garden Supply at 21120 W Hwy 71, Austin, 78669

BEE CAVE:

Petsmart in Austin/Bee Cave at 12812 Shops Parkway Ste 400, Austin, 78738

STEINER RANCH:

Steiner Ranch H.O.A. office on behalf of Gusto Dogs Dog Walking, at 12550 Country Trails Ln., Austin, 78732

DOWNTOWN:

Woof Gang Bakery at 1204 North Lamar, Austin, 78703

For those who are unable to donate items on these days but would still like to contribute, please call WHH volunteer Kristen West at 512-940-1926 to make arrangements. WHH also encourages the community to learn more about their organization and make much-needed, tax-deductible online donations at www.wagshopeandhealing.org.

Wags, Hope and Healing (WHH) focuses on the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of dogs in need. They specialize in dogs that were the victims of abuse or neglect. Through leadership, behavioural conditioning and education, they help them become balanced and healthy in mind, body and soul.

WHH takes time to facilitate a perfect match between adoptable dogs and their forever family and offer a lifelong support system for adopting families.

They are located in southwest Austin and serve all surrounding areas.

AT KUMON, KNOWLEDGE ISN'T GIVEN — IT'S GROWN.

At Kumon, we do more than help your child gain a mastery of reading and math; we create a lifelong love of learning. Our specialized learning program is the catalyst for growth that makes a successful future possible for your child — growth marked by self-confidence, motivation and an insatiable passion for learning. These are the benefits that can't always be seen on paper, but that you and your child will feel for a lifetime.

For the kinds of benefits that last a lifetime, call for a **FREE PLACEMENT TEST**.

Kumon of Austin - Brodie
512.796.9661 or 512.773.6591

Shady Hollow Shopping Center
9911 Brodie Lane, Ste. 300, Austin, TX 78748

www.kumon.com/AUSTIN-BRODIE

KUMON

MATH. READING. SUCCESS.

Academic Enrichment
Pre-K - 12th Grade

877.586.6671 | www.kumon.com



THE MONITOR

SEND US YOUR *Event Pictures!!*

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in this newsletter? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to meridian@peelinc.com. Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at www.PEELinc.com.



View answers online at www.peelinc.com

SUDOKU

8		7			2		4	9
			3			7	1	
				6				
5				1		2		
			5		7			
	6							8
	7						8	
4				3	5			
	2	1			8			

© 2006. Feature Exchange

The goal is to fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Each digit may appear only once in each row, each column, and each 3x3 box.

Southwest Pediatric A S S O C I A T E S



"With you... every step of the way"



**Same Day Appointments Available
Close to Home Near Seton Southwest Hospital**

7900 FM 1826, Bldg. 1 Suites 220 & 240

Kelly Jolet, M.D. | Vaishalee Patil, M.D. | Haydee Rimer, M.D.
Nick Wagner, M.D. | Christine Fyda, D.O.

512.288.9669 | www.swpedi.com

Superior Service for You, Your Car (& Your Dog)

Customer Dog Park • Coffee Bar • Children's Playroom



3416 W. William Cannon @ Brodie Next to Culver's

Rebate Gift Cards

Up to \$55

AAA Repair Facility

ASE Master Techs
Computer Diagnostics
Nationwide Repair Warranty
Courtesy Shuttle

ECO Friendly Oil Option

State Inspections
Full Service Oil Changes
30/60/90K Maintenance
Pre-purchase Inspections

www.kwikkarsw.com

891-7800

Summertime Blues

Nature Watch
By Jim and Lynne Weber

The gossamer-winged butterflies (or Lycaenidae) are a large family of small butterflies that include the coppers, hairstreaks, and blues. Usually noticed when flying erratically in an up-and-down fluttering motion, they bask in the sun with their wings open, and when perched sit with their wings closed, often rubbing their hind wings together. The blues are especially small with a wingspan of about one inch, and while mostly blue above, the identifying field marks are found mainly on the undersides of their wings. In Central Texas, the most commonly seen blues in open, sunny habitats are the Eastern Tailed-blue, Marine Blue, and Reakirt's Blue.

Eastern Tailed-blues (*Cupido comyntas*) are common and can be identified by the one to three orange spots near the tail on the underside of the hind wing. The males are deep blue on their uppersides while the females are a lighter blue to brown. They occur in the eastern half of the United States from the coast to the Great Plains.

The Marine Blue (*Leptotes marina*) is a fast flier (for a blue) and is found from Texas west to Southern California and south to Mexico. Its' underside is strongly striped gray-brown often with a pale purple fringe. The male has a blue upperside with a strong purple overlay, while the female has a brown upperside with some blue at the base of the wings.

While the other blues fly mostly spring to fall, Reakirt's Blue (*Echinargus*

isola) flies year round in Texas. The males are lavender-blue above while the females are primarily gray-brown with a touch of blue basally, and they are identified by the conspicuous row of five white-ringed black spots on the underside of their forewings.

Each of these blues utilizes legumes as their larval food plants, so you can often see them flying around plants in this family, including alfalfa, mesquite, clover, dalea, mimosa, and indigo species. The caterpillars of these butterflies are slug-shaped, somewhat flattened, and are often tended to by ants, which feed on the sweet liquids secreted by the larvae and in turn protect the larvae from other predators. As adult butterflies, they feed on nectar from a variety of herbs found flowering in grasslands, fields, meadows, and along creeksides.

Interestingly, these blues are part of a group of butterflies called the *Polyommatus* blues, originally studied by the self-taught butterfly expert and famous mid-twentieth century novelist Vladimir Nabokov, who hypothesized that they arrived in the New World from Asia in waves over millions of years. While few professional scientists took his ideas seriously at the time, recent DNA and gene-sequencing technology has proved him absolutely correct – that this group of butterflies originated in Asia, moved over the Bering Strait at a time when the land was relatively warm 10 million years ago, and eventually headed south all the way to Chile!



Learn More about Bodie Gannaway at
www.hereigotexas.com

Smile Bodie.

scan the above code with your smartphone using a barcode scanner app

Watermelon Lime Cocktail

Summertime in the evenings ... watching the sunset, feeling the breeze, enjoying the end of the day. Put this in your hand and your enjoyment level will increase! It's light, refreshing and really flavorful!

Ingredients:

- 1 C seedless watermelon, cubed
- 1 t sugar
- 2 oz Vodka {I love Tito's}
- juice of 1 lime
- splash of beer
- lime and watermelon wedge as garnish



Directions:

In a tall shaker muddle the watermelon and sugar together until well mixed and very juicy. Fill a glass with crushed ice then drain the watermelon liquid into the glass {it should fill it 2/3 full}. Add 2 oz vodka, lime juice and splash of beer. Mix and sip... delicious!

CIRCLE C DENTAL

Braces from start to finish in about 6 months?
Ask us how!

512-301-BITE (2483)



Services provided by Tuan Pham DDS, a general dentist.

CALL NOW TO RESERVE YOUR APPOINTMENT

9600 Escarpment Blvd, Austin, TX 78749

Conveniently located at Escarpment Village, near Starbucks

www.CIRCLECDENTAL.com

DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE



COLIN'S HOPE

WATER SAFETY TIPS AT
WWW.COLINSHOPE.ORG



COLIN'S HOPE

ENVISIONS
A WORLD
WHERE
CHILDREN
DO NOT
DROWN

Thank You!



PEEL, INC.
community newsletters

Colin's Hope would like to thank **Peel, Inc.** for their continued support in helping prevent childhood drowning. Summer may be over but **WE** can prevent drownings all year long.

Train - Raise Pledges
Prevent Drownings
Become a Colin's Hope
**ATHLETE
AMBASSADOR**

LEARN MORE AT WWW.COLINSHOPE.ORG





PEEL, INC.

308 Meadowlark St.
Lakeway, TX 78734-4717

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PEEL, INC.

MER

YOU DESERVE THE BEST!

COMMITMENT ~ EXPERIENCE ~ REPUTATION ~ ETHICS ~ RESULTS

Square Foot Range	6 Months Sold History (02/2012 - 02/2012)						Current Market	
	TOTAL	AVERAGE					TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Sold Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
<2500	8	2,122	\$ 138	\$ 292	2007	24	1	0
2500-2999	4	2,813	\$ 121	\$ 340	2008	17	4	1
3000-3499	7	3,169	\$ 122	\$ 387	2008	110	5	1
3500-3999	10	3,764	\$ 122	\$ 460	2010	90	1	3
4000-4500	3	4,372	\$ 136	\$ 593	2011	13	0	5
>4500	3	4,934	\$ 143	\$ 704	2010	11	0	1
Meridian Total	35	3,313	\$ 128	\$ 426	2009	57	11	11
% Change Mo/Mo	13%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-10%	-21%	83%

Market Report data was obtained from the Austin-Multiple Listing Service (MLS) on 08/05/2012. In some cases new construction and FSBO homes are not included in the MLS data and therefore are not represented. Data is deemed accurate but not guaranteed.

Write a Review

ABOUT US | REVIEWS | FAQs | GUIDELINES

Austin Real Estate Partners

9500 Eastwood Boulevard
Suite H-930
Austin, TX 78755
(512) 288-8888
www.AustinRealEstatePartners.com

Business Description:
Austin Real Estate Partners helps clients buy and sell real estate successfully with a simple, proven system that works.
Category: Real Estate

Rating Summary of 18 Reviews

Service: ★★★★★
Professionalism: ★★★★★
Will Recommend: ★★★★★

Guaranteed: All Valid Reviews Posted

Featured Reviews

★★★★★ Excellent
By Tina B. Austin, TX on 05/01/12
Tara and Tim helped us get TWO contracts on our home in FOUR hours! Real estate ... [Read review](#)

★★★★★ Tara did an outstanding job and I would highly recommend her to anyone. Tara and Austin Real Estate Partners did everything they promised and sold ... [Read review](#)

★★★★★ Fantastic service, flexibility, and results!

SOLD!
12004 PEPPERIDGE



AVAILABLE!
6301 AMES COURT



COMING SOON!
5201 AUSTRAL



GOLF COURSE LOT!
7804 CRANDALL



TARA WEST 512.632.3110
Austin Real Estate Partners
Austin Business Journal Top 25 REATLOR®
The Smart Choice!
Tara@AUSTINREPS.com | AUSTINREPS.com



CARSON VAUGHN 512.439.7555
Advantage Mortgage Network
Austin Business Journal Top Producer
Meridian Resident
Carson@Amnetloans.com | AMNETLOANS.com