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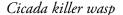
Large wasps flying low over the lawn can be a common, and sometimes frightening, sight at this time of year. Things can get alarming when those wasps become territorial and fly around your head until you leave the area. These wasps are usually accompanied by holes in the yard or flower beds that are surrounded by small piles of dirt. The wasps are cicada killers and aren't anything to panic over.

Cicada killers are about 1 ½ inches long with a reddish-brown head and thorax and an abdomen that is black

with yellow markings. Wings have a rusty tinge. The males can be aggressive and buzz near people, but males are unable to sting. Females are capable of stinging but are rarely aggressive towards humans or animals.

Females dig burrows in the ground and use these burrows as nesting areas. Females sting and paralyze cicadas, take them back to the burrow and then lay an egg upon it. When the egg







Hole created by a cicada killer

hatches, the larvae feed upon the cicada provided.

Cicada killers usually do not warrant any control methods. They are actually beneficial insects that help to reduce populations of cicadas. If you feel that you must do something to manage them, you can sprinkle insecticidal dust around the opening of the burrow.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Austin Citywide Information Center. 974-2000 or 31	11
Emergency Police	11
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Social Services (during work hours)21	11
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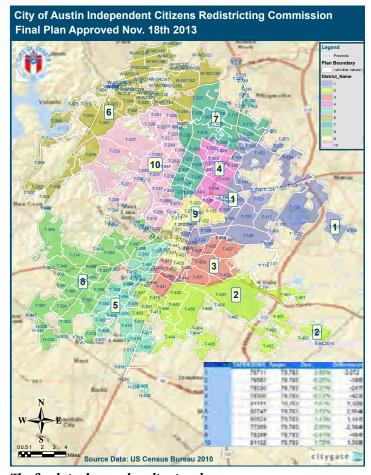
District 10 City Council Forum: **SAVE THE DATE!**

This year will be the first election for single-member districts in Austin. Neighbors in District 10 will have a chance to elect a city council member to represent our area.

The Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association, Brykerwoods Neighborhood Association and West Austin Neighborhood Group are co-hosting a forum for candidates running for the District 10 city council seat. Please mark your calendars to join your neighbors and attend so you can learn more about the candidates and their views on issues which impact our neighborhood as you make your voting decisions.

Sunday, September 14th 4-6 pm Westminster Manor 4100 Jackson Street

For more information about the new single-member districts, visit www.austintexas.gov/department/10-one



The final single-member district plan.



SEPTEMBER 2014

Have you ever wondered how mortgage lenders determine the loan you qualify for? The 4 main factors are discussed in my blog at **smartservicesold.blogspot.com**



McCallum High Football Schedule

DATE	TEAM	TIME
08/28	Anderson	7:30 PM
09/04	Lehmen	7:30 PM
09/12	@ Hutto	7:30 PM
09/19	@ Crockett	7:30 PM
09/26	Lanier	7:30 PM
10/10	@ LBJ Austin	7:30 PM
10/16	Bastrop	7:30 PM
10/24	@ Reagan	7:30 PM
10/31	@ Travis	7:30 PM
11/06	Cedar Creek	7:00 PM

The Smith Team wishes all Knights a fabulous Fall semester! Hope to see you at a game or a concert.

McCallum Fine Arts Academy Calendar of Events

 Producers Performance
 You Can't Take It With You performance

 Sept. 18-20 & 26-27, 7pm – 10pm
 Nov. 20-22, 7pm – 9pm

 Sept. 21 & 28, 2pm – 4 pm
 Nov. 23, 2pm – 4pm

Fall Choir Concert Knights of Steel Dessert Concert Oct. 7, 7pm – 8:30pm Nov. 24, 7pm – 8:30pm

Orchestra Concert with vertical team
Oct. 22-23, 7pm – 9pm
Dec. 4-6, 7pm – 9pm
Dec. 6-7, 2pm – 4pm

Dance Show Performance
Nov. I, 7pm – 9pm
Band Holiday Concert
Nov. 2, 2pm – 4pm
Dec. 8, 7pm – 9pm

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Radio Fundraiser concert} & \text{Orchestra Concert} \\ \text{November 15, 7pm} - 9\text{pm} & \text{Dec. 9, 7pm} - 9\text{:}30\text{pm} \end{array}$

Piano Recital Guitar Concert
Nov. 18-19, 6:30pm – 8pm Dec. 10, 2014, 7pm – 9pm

Orchestra Ensemble Concert Dec. 11,7pm – 9pm



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DATE TEAM TIME TV 08/30 North Texas 7:00 PM LHN 09/06 BYU 6:30 PM FOX SP I 09/13 UCLA @ Arlington 7:00 PM FOX *09/27 @ Kansas **TBD** *10/04 Baylor **TBD** *10/11 Oklahoma @ ТВ TBA 7:00 PM *10/18 Dallas LHN *10/25 lowa State **TBD** TBA *11/01 @ Kansas St. **TBD** TBA *11/08 @ Texas Tech **TBD** TBA *11/15 West Virginia **TBD** TBA 6:30 PM *11/27 @ Oklahoma St. FOX SP I

YARD OF THE MONTH

Whose yard do you think best weathered our hot summer. Submit your nominations to jennifer@smartservicesold.com

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Regional Notification System Sends Alerts During Emergencies

More than 10,000 people across Central Texas have registered with the Capital Area Council of Government's (CAPCOG) newly updated Regional Notification System. Friends, neighbors and relatives are encouraged to join today.

The free service, previously called the Emergency Notification System, can alert participants if a large emergency or major incident happens in their area or a loved one's area across Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson counties.

It has been used to warn people during a flood; to instruct residents during an ongoing law enforcement SWAT operation; and, in the 2011 Labor Day wildfire outbreak, to contact more than 9,000 residences and businesses in Bastrop, Travis, Fayette, Caldwell, Hays and Burnet counties.

Register your cellphone, landline, email address or pager to get alerts by voice call, email or text. Registration takes about 15 minutes, and you can register online at http://wireless.capcog. org or by phone at 866-484-3264 (a toll-free number).

Regional Notification System Frequently Asked Questions

▶ What is the CAPCOG Regional Notification System?

The CAPCOG Regional Notification System, formerly the "Emergency Notification System", is a Web-based tool available to participating public safety and other governmental organizations in the 10-county CAPCOG region to notify personnel or residents regarding timesensitive information that might affect them. The CAPCOG region includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson counties. Notifications can be received in a variety of ways, including cell, home and work phones and by text messaging and email. The messages delivered to call recipients may include incident-specific information, recommended protective actions, or directives, to name a few.

Why might I be contacted by the Regional Notification System?

The RNS system uses the 9-1-1 database, a commercial GIS database and the citizen registry to notify residents in the 10-county area in situations where property or human life is in jeopardy. Public safety officials will contact those residents associated with a phone number in the emergency-affected area. Each jurisdiction or organization may

use the system—but not the 9-1-1 database—to make non-emergency notifications also but will not make such notifications between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Will my contact information be kept confidential if I register it on the CAPCOG RNS Registry?

Yes, only authorized public safety personnel can access the information to make a notification message. No phone numbers are provided to the public.

How do I register my contact information to get notifications?

The public may register their information through a Web-based application by following the instructions provided at wireless.capcog.org.

Why should I register?

Your landline telephone number is already registered on the Regional Notification System for emergency use. In addition, if you self-register, you can provide your local government agencies with the information needed to make notifications in multiple ways, thus increasing the likelihood that residents and businesses are notified, especially in emergency situations. It also helps us serve the growing number of people using cellphones as their primary contact method.





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Tuesday, September 16 5:30-7:00PM Hosted at WellMed at Midtown 3708 Jefferson St #A

Should I wait for an emergency notification before I evacuate or take shelter?

If you are aware of a situation occurring in your area, do not wait for a call if you do not feel safe. Take action as you see fit, depending on the emergency.

▶ Should I call 9-1-1 when I get an emergency notification?

You should call 9-1-1 only if you believe the situation requires a response by public safety personnel to protect life or property. If you receive an emergency notification regarding a situation in your area and you or those around you don't need assistance, you should follow the instructions contained in the message and monitor local news media outlets for additional information.

If a notification is sent out, is it guaranteed I will receive it if I register?

When the notification is activated, the system will make several attempts to reach registered numbers. However, depending on the emergency, phone systems—both landline and cell—may be inundated with calls, and your provider may not be able to deliver the message. We do not assume legal responsibility for technical difficulties that may result in notification failures.

I have five family members in my household, and each has a cellphone. Can I register all of their phone numbers at the same location?

Yes, individuals can register as many numbers as desired—four at one time—at the same location. You would simply do a new registration to add additional phone numbers. Also, individuals may register each phone number at different locations. For example, you can do a new registration for your home, business and school addresses separately with the same phone numbers for each location.

▶ Will I still get emergency notification if I don't register?

If you don't register, you will still receive emergency notification on your traditional landline home and business phones, but nowhere else. These notifications may take longer, depending on call volume.

What do I do if my house does not show correctly on the map when I try to register?

If it is not correct please send an email to tech@firstcall.net, describing the difference. Please include your name, address — including city, state and ZIP code—and a phone number. You can still register before sending this email, and they will correct the address points on the map from their end.

How can I register without Internet access?

No Internet access? No problem. Just call toll free 866-484-3264, and you will be prompted for your contact information.

If I have problems registering online, whom can I contact?

You may contact the CAPCOG Homeland Security Division at 512-916-6013.



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http://www.austintexas.gov/department/lost-found-pet

The Stray Map updates every 30 minutes with found animal locations as they come into the shelter. The locations will remain on the map for one week. If you have lost a pet, check the map or visit the Austin Animal Center at 7201 Levander Loop.

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November 8, 2014 7:00 a.m. 5K Race 9:00 a.m. Walk Early Bird Registration - \$26.00 if registering by September 8, 2014

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- Prevent wildfires implement fire mitigation
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Neighborhood Preservation Update

By Donna Edgar

HPWBANA's by-laws call out a committee concerned with zoning issues. For the past several years there has not been an active group addressing this area. In light of the recent accelerated rate of demo and rebuild activities in our neighborhoods, and several residents bringing their concerns about these to the board, we are reconstituting the zoning committee, also known as the Neighborhood Preservation Committee.

After much deliberation, the neighborhood association board has passed a policy to address these concerns. Its scope is: (1) education and information dissemination of plat restrictions to potential property purchasers prior to their purchasing property in the hope that this will motivate them to comply, and (2) letters to developers who apply for building permits which violate the existing plat and deed restrictions.

If you would like to volunteer, contact one of the four board members who are leading this effort: Donna Edgar (donna. edgar@sbcglobal.net), Piet Sybesma (psybesma@austin.rr.com), Jason Lindenschmidt (jason@lindendwell.com) and Dawn Lewis (dawnlew@sbcglobal.net). Please contact any one of us. Opportunities exist to help develop realtor and developer information packets, to write a statement on neighborhood character, to research all relevant plat and deed restrictions for our various neighborhoods and to assist concerned and affected neighbors with City of Austin planning department personnel.



Neighbors' Night Out... HPWBANA Style!

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 from 7 to 9:00 p.m. has been designated as Nation Night Out for the City of Austin. Plan to turn on your porch light, lock your doors and spend the evening outside with your neighbors! Maybe plan a small block party or coordinate an informal gathering on your lawn. Use this opportunity to introduce yourself to the new neighbors on your street. However you want to do it, just plan to get outside and get together!

If you would like to plan a formal "event' and have the Austin Police Department stop by your location on October 7, please register before September 13 at: https://austintexas.gov/page/national-night-out registration or call the city at 311 for more information.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH. DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES?

We are blessed by nature in our beautiful HPWBANA neighborhood. But we also have several natural and weather related features that can affect us-wildfire, heavy rains and flooding, hail, tornadoes or high winds, power outages, and even ice storms. While we like to think we are prepared, emergency planners advise that we should prepare our family to be self-sufficient for up to three days before significant help arrives. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's website www.ready.gov and the Centers for Disease Control website www.cdc.gov/features/beready feature proven hints for preparing our families for emergencies.

Family Supply List (From Ready.gov) **Emergency Supplies:**

Water, food, and clean air are important things to have if an emergency happens. Each family or individual's kit should be customized to meet specific needs, such as medications and infant formula. It should also be customized to include

important family documents.

Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)

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Clothing and Bedding:

If you live in a cold weather climate, you must think about warmth. It is possible that the power will be out and you will not have heat. Rethink your clothing and bedding supplies to account for growing children and other family changes. One complete change of warm clothing and shoes per person, including:

- A jacket or coat
- Long pants
- A long sleeve shirt
- Sturdy shoes
- A hat and gloves
- A sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person

Below are some other items for your family to consider adding to its supply kit. Some of these items, especially those marked with a * can be dangerous, so please have an adult collect these supplies.

- Emergency reference materials such as a first aid book or a print out of the information on www.ready.gov
- Rain gear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils

- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Paper towels
- Fire Extinguisher
- Tent
- Compass
- Matches in a waterproof container*
- Signal flare*
- · Paper, pencil
- Personal hygiene items including feminine supplies
- Disinfectant*
- Household chlorine bleach* You can use bleach as a
 disinfectant (diluted nine parts water to one part bleach),
 or in an emergency you can also use it to treat water. Use
 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon
 of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with
 added cleaners.
- Medicine dropper
- Important Family Documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container

Be Safe. Be Prepared.



Beat the Heat with a Tomato-Watermelon Salad

September can be just plain hot. In fact, it's almost too hot to cook. I often find myself searching the Internet for stove-free dishes, and one of my favorites for the summer season is a watermelon tomato feta salad. This salad is both savory and sweet and a delicious way to beat the summer heat. It's also simple and quick to assemble, and the presentation is beautiful, making it the perfect dish to serve at your next summer party!



Tomato-Watermelon Salad with Feta and Toasted Almonds

(from Epicurious.com)

Ingredients:

8 cups 1 1/4-inch chunks seedless watermelon (about 6 pounds)

3 pounds ripe tomatoes (preferably heirloom) in assorted colors, cored, cut into 1 1/4-inch chunks (about 6 cups)

- 1 teaspoon (or more) fleur de sel or coarse kosher salt
- 5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 1/2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons chopped assorted fresh herbs (such as dill, basil, and mint)
 - 6 cups fresh arugula leaves or small watercress sprigs
 - 1 cup crumbled feta cheese (about 5 ounces)
 - 1/2 cup sliced almonds, lightly toasted

Preparation:

Combine melon and tomatoes in large bowl. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon fleur de sel and toss to blend; let stand 15 minutes. Add 4 tablespoons oil, vinegar, and herbs to melon mixture. Season to taste with pepper and more salt, if desired.

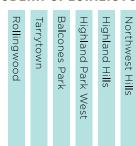
Toss arugula in medium bowl with remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Divide arugula among plates. Top with melon salad; sprinkle with feta cheese and toasted almonds and serve.



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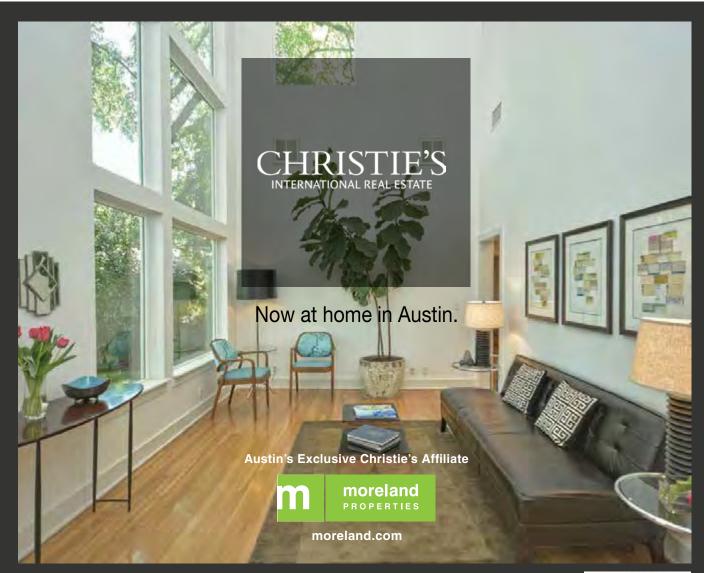


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