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A Newsletter for the Residents of Legend Oaks II

# ANNUAL LEGEND OAKS 2 Caster Egg Hunt

March 28, 2015 10:00 am

Put on your Easter bonnet, decorate the stroller, dress up your kids, and stroll down to the Pool Park for an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be there. For a small donation, you can get a photo of the Easter Bunny with your kids (and/or you)!

The Easter egg hunt will be divided into four sections, so little ones will have a chance to find some eggs.

Parking will be limited, so plan to walk or park in the neighborhoods nearby.

If it is raining on March 28th, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4th.



# EDITORIAL

Janet Rourke and I attended our first board meeting on February 2nd and were very impressed! Nikki ran a very focused meeting and accomplished much. Minutes of the meeting are elsewhere in this issue. Many of your questions about the pool and other activities will be answered in the minutes. I invite you to attend the next announced meeting and see how LOHA2 operates.

I live directly opposite to Quarry Park, and I work mostly from home in a room with a view of the park, and see the large number of folks walking and running, many with dogs and/or children, on the hill. Also many arrive (some by car) with dogs to visit the park. Thankfully they clean up after them! Some also enter, and enjoy, the trails. You may know I led the effort to create this pocket park, and am so gratified that it is being enjoyed by so many! I don't know what would have happened to this neglected land if not for the incredible efforts of the many volunteers who contributed to its' development.

We still have the traffic problem, especially on Escarpment and Convict Hill Rd. There is bound to be an accident at the intersection of these streets! I think there is sufficient width on CHR that by restriping there could be a dedicated left turn lane. Also replace the speed limit signs on CHR at Robert Kleburg! The average speed coming down the hill must be close to 45 mph! But it is 35 mph for most of the street from Escarpment to Hwy 290.

Our newsletter has grown since the new committee took over 3 months ago. I hope you agree with our efforts. There has been some response to the request for contributions from members, and we hope to have some items in the next issue. Send any suggestions or contributions to me at drjet@austin. rr.com. Our deadline for the publisher Peel is the 15th of the month for the following month.

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# BUZZARDS

By Janet Rourke

The turkey vulture is commonly known as a buzzard. They are large, sleek birds with a naked red head and a white beak. They have a six-foot wing span.

Buzzards are our friends! They eat decaying animals that have died naturally or been hit by cars. Their talons are weak and poorly suited for grasping living prey, so you don't have to worry about them bothering your cats and small dogs.

Recently, two buzzards were hit by cars in our neighborhood. Please drive carefully when you see these large birds cleaning up our streets. They are truly doing us a service.





NUMBER

The black vulture is another species found in Texas. It is smaller and has a short tail, black head, and wing span of less than five feet. It's shorter, broader wings have white patches near the tips. This vulture will prey on small mammals, reptiles, and young birds.

## **CRIME STATS** for Zip Code 78749 in January 2015

**MORE THAN 5 OFFENSES** 

#### **OFFENSE**

Leaving Scene Crash/Accident	22
Burglary of Vehicle	15
Theft	13
Family Disturbance	10
Theft by Shoplifting	8
Credit Card Abuse	7
Auto Theft	6

Information retrieved from Krimelabb.com – Austin Citywide Crime Data. You can look up offenses by Zip Code or Address, Month or Year, have it reported in a list, chart, or map, by day of week and time of day. And you can get a heat map of where most of the offenses are occurring. Other crime stat websites for Austin include Spotcrime and

City of Austin CrimeViewer – all pull data from the same database.

## LOA2 School Events Calendar

March 15th – April 15th Please contact the school for more information!

> March 16-20 – Spring Break April 3 – Student & Staff Holiday April 9 – High school late start day

#### **Patton Elementary**

*www.pattonelementary.com* April 2 – Principal's Coffee – 8 am April 9 – Craigo's School Night to benefit Patton Library

#### **Mills Elementary**

*millspta.org/newsite/index.php/school-news/school-calendar.html* April 13 – PTA Executive Board Meeting 7 pm

#### Small Middle School

www.smallmiddleschool.org/app/events March 24 – Band & Orchestra Instrument Fair – 4:00 – 7:30 pm Small MS Café April 2 – CSMS Parent Nights 5:45 – 8:00 pm Small Café April 7 – Coffee with the Principal 8:30-9:30 am Principal's Conference Room April 9 – Choir Pre-UIL Concert 7:00 – 8:00 pm FEFC April 11 – Orchestra Beginning Solo & Ensemble 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Paredes MS April 14-16 Choir Pre-UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest 11:00 – Noon

#### Austin High School

www.austinhighmaroons.org/ahs-weekly-calendar March 26 – Red Jacket Tryouts 4:30 pm March 30 – Cheerleader Tryouts 4:30 pm

#### **Bowie High School**

www.jbhs.org/apps/events/calendar April 8-10 – STC Spring Showcase 5-10 pm April 13-15 – UIL Choral Concert and Sightreading Contest April 14 – PTSA Meeting 6-8:30 pm April 15 – UIL Orchestra Concert

For additional events, check the school websites.



# Legend Oaks II Homeowners Association Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 2, 2015, 7:00pm Austin Pizza Garden, 6266 U.S. 290 W, Austin, TX 78735

#### MINUTES

Call to Order 7:02pm

Board of Directors: Nikki Tate, Duane Pietsch, Abigail Norman Goodwin Management: Jim Smitherman Resident Attendees: 9

#### COMMITTEE UPDATES:

**Pool** - Chair Abigail Norman will get an updated quote from Tom at Lifeguard4Hire for the 2015 swim season. Will also secure at least 1 competitive bid by the end of February. Residents will be required to sign the 2015 Waiver Form. Details coming soon!

*Landscape* - Duane Peitsch will head effort to ensure we are getting a fair market price with our landscaping agreement with Greater Texas Landscapes.

Architectural Control - One outstanding Resident request.

**Social** - Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28 with a rain date of Saturday, April 4. Open for Event Volunteers. Please email Nikki Tate if you are interested in helping. Jim Turney proposed idea of holding a neighborhood 5k

**Newsletter/Communications** - Jim Turney stated that any resident is able to provide content for the newsletter. The more information we produce, the better the quality. Please send all material to Jim Turney.

#### FINANCE 7:30 - 7:50

*Receivables (Dues, etc)* - Have received over half of 2015 HOA dues because of prepayment in January.

*Finance / Loan* - We have paid off more than half of the \$600k loan for the brick wall – down to \$254k. Do not want to drop down below 3 months of operating expenses, but can make payments in advance. Locked into paying \$10k/month regardless of prepayment. Can pay off by January 2016 no matter what.

#### FOLLOW UP FROM ANNUAL MEETINGS

*Traffic Lights* - Abigail Norman will reach out to OHAN Committee and Ellen Troxclair to see if they can help support a change to increase safety at the Convict Hill/Escarpment light.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Saturday, March 7 is It's My Park Day. Convict Hill Quarry Park is on the list as a work park, so come out and support your neighborhood park!

**Convict Hill Quarry Park** - A local Eagle Scout has installed 4 panels into the kiosk around the bird nesting tower in Convict Hill Quarry Park. They contain an aerial map of the park, the history of park, the history of how park was developed with volunteers, and information about the chimney swifts that nest in the tower. Resident Request to consider additional picnic tables at the park

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23pm.

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### JOIN US FOR GOLF AND A GREAT CAUSE!

DATE: Wednesday, April 29th TIME: 11:00 am Registration, 1:00 pm Start LOCATION: Flintrock Falls Golf Course FORMAT: 4-person scramble COST: \$165 per golfer\* \*Includes lunch, dinner, hat & swag.

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# CITY COUNCIL WATCH

BY JANET ROURKE

Our District 8 City Council member is Ellen Troxclair.

According to the Austin American Statesman, Ellen Troxclair has been appointed to following new city council committees:

- Audit and Finance (vice chair)
- Austin Energy
- Economic Opportunity, Technology, Innovation and Creative Industries (chair)
- Health and Human Services
- Public Utilities

The Audit and Finance committee covers city auditor and audit reports, city clerk, bond oversight, purchasing and contract audits, oversight of city boards and commissions, taxation, financial policy, city debt, employee benefits and retirements systems, banking and investment policies, budget matters, and affordability.

The Austin Energy committee covers the city's electric utility and includes all 11 members of the council.

The Economic Opportunity, Technology, Innovation and Creative Industries committee covers job creation and training, small and minority business development, economic incentives, improvement districts, economic development corporations, trade and commerce, emerging technology, tourism, events, entertainment, live music, film and television production, sports, library, culture, and art.

The Health and Human Services committee covers social services, education, public health, health care services, animal welfare, sustainable food, social equity, veterans' affairs, and populations at risk.

The Public Utilities committee covers water and drainage utilities, solid waste and recycling, and telecommunication regulatory issues.

According to The Austin Chronicle, Troxclair has also been appointed to the following intergovernmental committees:

- Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee
- City of Austin/AISD Board of Trustees
- Travis County Commissioners Court Joint Committee
- Regional Affordability Committee

In an article in The Oak Hill Gazette, the Regional Affordability Committee was established by City Council resolution to foster communication between the 11 taxing entities in Travis County to coordinate efforts. This committee plans to hold public meetings, discuss issues relating to the cost of living, and develop policy recommendations for the governmental bodies.

If you want to get in touch with Ellen Troxclair, her mailing address is P.O. Box 91812, Austin, TX, 78709. Her phone number is 512-978-2108. You can email her at www.austintexas.gov/email/ ellentroxclair.

# Gardening Tips

BY JANET ROURKE

#### PLANTS:

In March, you can begin feeding hibiscus, roses, camellias, fruit and nut trees, and berry bushes. Fertilize azaleas after they bloom.

Prune hibiscus, spring flowering shrubs, and trees after they bloom. If you've got bulbs, allow the foliage to yellow and die before removing.

For a list of the many flowers, seeds, bulbs, vegetables, and herbs you can plant in March, go to http://www.klru.org/ctg/tips/march/

#### LAWN:

Rake up leaves, fallen limbs, and fruit to remove hiding places for pests and diseases.

If you haven't aerated your lawn in the past three to five years, now is the time to do it. Top dress with compost for maximum benefits.

Top dressing lawn, flowerbeds, and gardens with compost at least once a year adds nutrients and beneficial microorganisms to your soil. It may also reduce water use.

#### **GETTING RID OF PESTS:**

Aphids – Spray plant with fish emulsion or give it a blast with water to wash the aphids off.

Thrips (no-see-ums) and white flies (small bugs that fly up in white clouds when disturbed) – Spray plant with horticultural oil once a week for three weeks.

Powdery mildew – Spray plant with milk every 5 to 7 days and whenever there is new growth.

Happy Gardening!

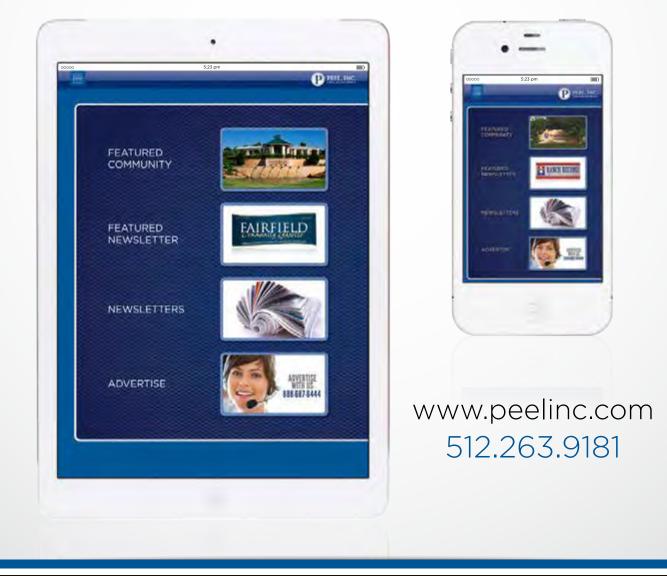


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According to the Legend Oaks 2 Homeowners Association, the following new neighbors join the neighborhood in January:

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Be sure to welcome these new neighbors to our neighborhood! Everything you need to know about the Homeowners Association can be found at http:// hoasites.goodwintx.com/loh/Home.aspx - bylaws, how to get a pool pass, meeting minutes, payment instructions for HOA dues, architectural change forms, etc. Want to know what is going on in the neighborhood? Subscribe to:

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Don't remember the words to the Easter bonnet song, they are on the website, along with the words to Little Bunny Foo Foo and Peter Cottontail.

Need a new dish for your Easter brunch? You can find recipes for Bourbon Sweet Potatoes, Southern Corn Pudding, Easter Calzone – yum!

Want a fun, easy craft project? Here are instructions from the website to make Bunny Ears.

- White poster board
- Pink construction paper
- Glue
- Stapler
- Marker
- Instructions:

Cut white poster board into a strip about 2 inches wide and about 24 inches long. Set aside. This will form the band for the ears.

Out of white poster board, cut 2 "ears," each about 9 inches long and about 4 inches wide at the thickest point.

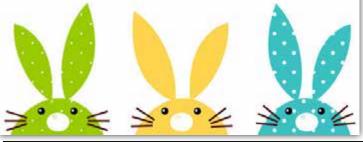
Out of pink construction paper, cut 2 smaller ear shapes about 6 inches long. Glue a pink ear inside each white one.

Staple the ears to the middle of the band.

Write your grandchild's name or an Easter greeting on the outside of the band.

Staple the two ends of the band to fit your grandchild's head. Looking for a place for your grandkids to show off their Bunny

Ears? On March 28 (10:00 am), your grandkids can wear their bunny ears to the LOA2 Easter Egg Hunt and have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny!



# **Starting an Online Business**

Jim Turney - Editor

Are you considering an online business? What do you need to know? What do you need to do? You need to know how to use a computer. Especially how to use a computer browser, like Foxpro or Explorer. Online means "online", so you must have a computer with internet access. That is a primary advantage of online business. You can do business anywhere you have internet access. ANYWHERE!!

Next, you need to have a product to sell. A product that somebody else produced. You do not have time or resources to produce a product! Shoe stores sell items that somebody else produced! You should select a product that you are comfortable selling. And that produces a profit that is rewarding. Not 5% on a \$100 product. How many do you have to sell to get a good income! Better to get a 90% profit on a \$12,000 item! That is possible.

Research possible products. Keywords in a search engine "online business" will reveal many possibilities. Look at them all. Evaluate the products, the training they give for selling, and the commission level. And the investment you must make to get into the program. This is just like a franchise investment. To sell McDonalds you must invest in a franchise. But the franchise usually provides training, and possibly much more. Find a product you can work with, and an investment you can afford (maybe a little bit more), and buy it!

Then use the training. Many other people have probably become very successful following the training program, then added to it from experience to become especially successful! The training usually starts with building lists of people who might buy the product. There are numerous systems for building lists. You can buy lists, or attract them to web pages, often called capture pages, where people enter their address to get additional information. You will need a program to store these addresses of people known to have an interest in your product. I use GetResponse, which provides capture pages and address managers, but there are other similar programs available.

You need a way to get people to your capture page. One way is to put an ad on Facebook. If someone sees your ad and is interested, they could go to your capture page. Like being listed in a catalog of businesses. Then if they like your page, they would enter their address, and you have another name on your advertising list. You may not have sold them something, but at least you know they are interested. Now you start an advertising campaign to your list of interested people. These will be ads for specific products. If they buy something, they will be moved to a list of customers, and are candidates for other similar products. You will need a way to keep these lists organized according to whether they bought something, and what they bought. Ads will be different for each group. There are several organizations that provide list services, including preparing ads and capture pages and sending emails to lists.

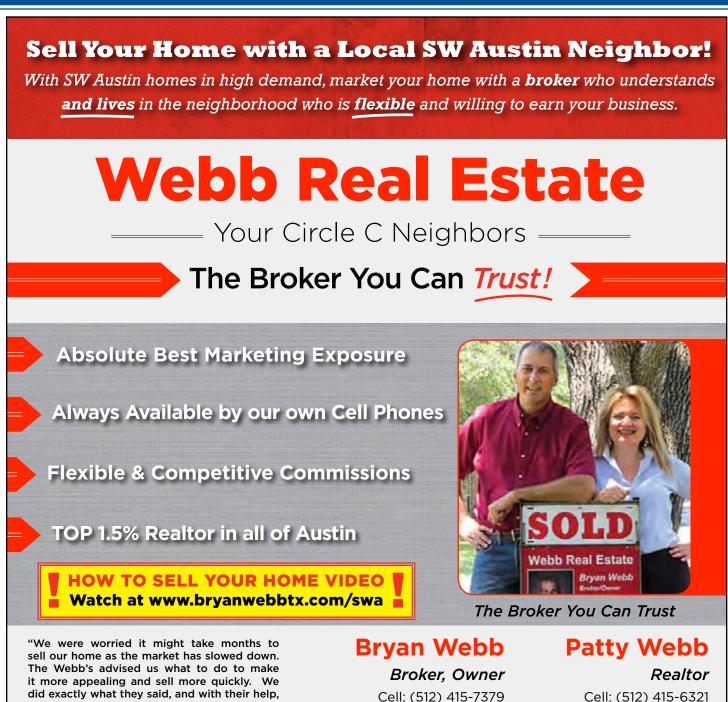
Your product organization should provide good support and commissions, not just once in a while but all the time. Training should be constant and always current. And new products introduced, with good commissions. And you do not have to restrict yourself to one supplier. I have two. Both provide outstanding incentives. You should also find a good business coach, one who has had success in the online business. Again I have two. Both provide excellent one-on-one training on a regular basis using Skype to communicate. One of the coaches is in the US, the other in Australia. Skype is the most personal and rapid way to exchange information. And the only cost is a \$50 webcam! Having a coach is the best way to eliminate the time and money cost of trial and error. One of my mentors says "my goal is not to get rich, but to live comfortably wherever I want to". He is very comfortable, has lived all over the world, and has chosen Thailand as the best place for him. I am still low on the learning curve but making good progress. I expect to be comfortable within a year. If you want more advice, contact me at drjet33@outlook.com.

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