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A Newsletter for the Residents of Legend Oaks II

EDITORIAL

Let me begin by telling you that I am leaving the area, relocating to Thailand, in mid-July. The June 15 submission for the July issue will be my last. This is a business move, at least partially. I have been developing an online business and one of the companies I work with is based in Thailand. The owner called and invited me. My wife died 18 months ago and it has been very lonely for me. I am retiring from ACC in May, will have an estate sale in June, and go with just 2 suitcases with clothes and papers and a laptop. A complete change, an "attitude adjustment"!

This is my 3rd effort at editing the newsletter. Allison Finch and I took over from Jim Hinshaw in July, 2004, before we had Peel as publisher and we had to do it all! Being editor gave me a platform for much of the work that made Convict Hill Quarry Park possible. We stopped when LOHA2 transitioned to Peel in 2008. I had another brief stint in 2011, but stopped when my wife had the first in a series of strokes that ended her life in October 2013. After a period of grief and depression I resumed last October, with help from Anita Garner and Janet Rourke. I love to write and be in charge of projects! I will continue to do this in my new activity. You will probably hear about me!

We built our house on Convict Hill Road in 1998. This is the longest I have lived in one house in my life! I have lived in Pittsburgh, Boston, Los Angeles, Kansas City, San Francisco, Corpus Christi, and Austin. And lived in Germany for 2 years. I like Austin best, but am ready for another change, an adventure. Already have 4 friends there, and the Expats group is very active and helpful. Not going as a stranger in a strange land!

I have seen so many changes in this area in 17 years. As a runner, I covered most of the streets from William Cannon

to Davis (when Escarpment stopped there) and from Brush Country to 290, and watched many buildings grow, including banks and exercise places and bulk outlets like Costco and restaurants, etc. And the units on the corner of CHR and 290! I went there every week with my doggy, and watched them go from foundation to structure! Now we have the issue with the Garza property. Wonder how that will go. Follow the politics, and the money!!

Still hoping to get submissions from you readers! 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.

CITY COUNCIL WATCH

By Janet Rourke

Our District 8 City Council member is Ellen Troxclair.

Council woman Troxclair doesn't believe you should have to come to City Hall to meet with your City Council member, so she is holding district office hours on the last Friday of every month to have casual coffee and conversation with anyone who wants to drop by. Check her Facebook page for the next district office hour location and time.

On March 11, Ellen Troxclair met with Circle C residents and the Austin Police Department to discuss crime prevention.

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.

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GARDENING TIPS - APRIL

By Janet Rourke

It is time to plant that spring garden! You can plant a variety of vegetables and fruits in April.

It's time to feed your lawn, trees, shrubs, and other plants. Organic fertilizers are recommended since they don't pollute run-off water, and a recent study found they produce greener grass and healthier root systems.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to top dress your lawn, flower beds, and gardens with compost. You should do this at least once a year to replace organic matter that get used by plants and washed away by watering. Compost adds nutrients and beneficial microorganisms to improve your soil, allowing it to hold moisture.

Be sure and pull those weeds before they go to seed. If you've got a lot of weeds, you can get them under control by mowing them very close to the ground, then placing at least 10 layers of newspaper over them, overlapping the edges and dampening each layer. Then cover with at least three inches of compost. This will build up the soil and get rid of most weeds.



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Grandparents CORNER

BY JANET ROURKE

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22. Events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Peace activist John McConnell and Senator Gaylord Nelson are credited with founding Earth Day. The event is now celebrated in 141 nations around the world. The purpose is to remind ourselves to take care of our world.

The celebration in Austin is being held on Saturday, April 18th at historic Browning Hangar at Mueller. Admission is free! A variety of musical events and speakers will be on hand to teach you everything from how to forage for food to how to compost to how to plant seeds and take care of your garden. This will be a great event for the grandkids!

To get everyone in the mood for Earth Day, here are a few earthy jokes from Grandparents.com your grandkids might enjoy:

- Q. Why is grass so dangerous?
A. Because it's full of blades.
- Q. Where do you find giant snails?
A. On the ends of giant's fingers.
- Q. How do you tell one end of a worm from the other?
A. Tickle the middle and see which end laughs.
- Q. What do you get when you cross an insect with a rabbit?
A. Bugs Bunny.
- Q. What do you call an owl with a low voice?
A. A growl.
- Q. What did the hedgehog say when he put his coat on inside out?
A. Ouch!
- Q. What kind of bird should you never take to a bank?
A. A robin.
- Q. How do you stop rabbits from digging up your garden?
A. Hide the shovel.

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LOA2 School Events Calendar

April 15th – May 15th

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www.pattonelementary.com

May 7, Oceans of Fun Performances

May 11-13, Track and Field

May 18- 21, Book Fair

Mills Elementary

www.millspta.org

April 18, 7pm – 11pm, Mills Spring Silent Auction Event,
Trudy's Restaurant Rooftop

April 18, May 2- Math Pentathlon Tournament

May 14 , 4th Grade Choir Musical

Small Middle School

www.smallmiddleschool.org

April 30- All City Orchestra Rehearsal and Concert- PAC

Gorzycki Middle School

www.gmstigers.com

May 11-15, Book Fair

Bowie High School

www.jbhs.org

April 23-25, Silver Star Spring Show

May 1-2, Musical Theatre Showcase

May 7, Dance Spring Showcase

May 12-15, Senior Once Act Play Festival

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NEWS FROM QUARRY PARK

We had a great IMPD (It's My Park Day) on March 7th, sponsored by the Austin Parks Foundation. 18 people helped, some signed up online, some from the LOHA2 blog, some from the flyers. We got tools from the Parks Foundation, and the Austin Parks Department gave us and delivered 5 yards of mulch. The mulch was spread, and raked, and edging stones aligned, all in 2 hours! A very diligent effort! The park looks great. There was some removal of dead trees and growth in the weeks before by the city forestry crew. The Parks Department gives us good support!

There will be another event on June 6th, this time sponsored by the National Trails Foundation, so this will be a national event. The Austin Parks Foundation will have signup opportunities online. Austin Parks Department has already agreed to give us 8 yards of mulch this time, so we will get a bigger supply of tools from the Parks Foundation. If you missed the IMPD event in March, be sure to sign up, or just show up. If you were there, please return! Help us maintain this "pocket park" gem.

You may already know, this will be my last event. I am relocating to Thailand in July. See my editorial for details. Help me end with a big success!

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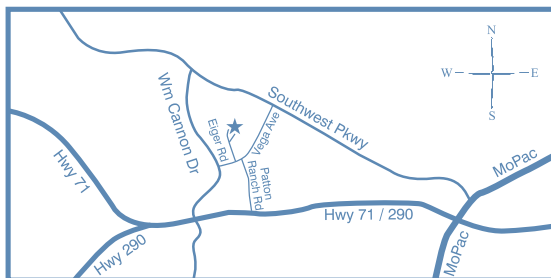
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