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MERIDIAN SUMMER POOL PARTY & FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners

Thanks for coming to Meridian's Summer Pool Party and Food Truck night this summer! The weather was HOT, but the food, drinks and pool were ice cold. This past month, Meridian residents were treated to a fun evening courtesy of Close2MyHome, the Meridian Social Committee and our neighborhood HOA. NxNW and Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor with Austin Real Estate Partners provided a complimentary beer and wine tasting, while the DJ pumped out some great tunes. Other vendors provided games and limbo contests for kids of all ages and the evening finished out with a dance party. If you missed it, be sure to join us on Friday, September 25th @ 5:30pm for our next Food Truck Night at the pavilion.



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!

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*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate
Partners and Kinder Kick-off Chair*

Meet a few of Baldwin's new incoming Kinder cubs: Kaya A., Tara S. and Jackson W. Baldwin's new class of Kindergartners have been celebrating all summer with play dates in and around the neighborhood. These kids were born in late 2009 and early 2010 and will graduate from high school in spring 2028! Baldwin is excited to welcome our new kinder cubs.

Do you take great photos?

*Would you like to see your photo published?
We are looking for great cover photos for the upcoming issues of
the Monitor.*

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION:

- Ideally taken in or around Meridian
- Be of High Resolution (240 dpi or higher. 300 dpi is best)
- Prefer "portrait" orientation

We'd love to have something that pertains to the time of the year in some way, so be creative and give it a try. Our submittal deadline is the 8th prior to the issue. Email them to meridian@peelinc.com.

By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the *Monitor*.



CARNIVAL WRISTBAND & TICKET ORDER FORM

Due by October 9th, 2014 by 5pm

Save money and avoid the lines at the Carnival – Friday, October 16th 5-8:30pm. Order your Carnival Tickets and Wristbands ahead of time! Best Value! Wristbands: For unlimited rides and games. Wristbands do not cover Confetti Eggs, Spirit Sticks, Glow Shop, Grab Bags.

\$25.00 per child – if purchased by October 9th at 5pm

\$40.00 per child – at the carnival

The price of an individual ticket is \$ 0.50 (Presale \$10 minimum order) and can be used for everything. Ticket prices are listed on the back of this form. Wristbands & tickets ordered by Friday, October 9th by 5pm will be sent home with your child Wed., October 14th.

Additional tickets and wristbands can be purchased at the Carnival ticket booths located in the front of the school. Cash, Checks and Credit Cards will be accepted that night. Baldwin PTA will not refund wristband or tickets once they are purchased. If you have questions about wristband or tickets, contact Andrea Schliemann at fundraising@baldwinpta.org.

Order online @ www.baldwinpta.org or fill out the form below and return to the PTA. Make checks payable to Baldwin PTA. Ordering multiple wristbands and tickets for the same family? Make it easy on yourself, just use one order form. Detach order form here and return to the Baldwin PTA Lockbox in the school foyer.

CARNIVAL ORDER FORM

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Grade: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

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Student Athlete of the Month **LILA HEINZ**

*Proud Parents: Jeni and Vince Heinz | Age: 7
School/grade: 1st grade @ Baldwin Elementary*

What sport are you playing now? I am a dancer!

What interested you about this sport? I have been dancing since just before I was 2 years old. I have always loved to dance.

When do you practice or how often do you practice? I practice dancing every day to my favorite songs. I dance at Premier Dance Academy once a week and do tap, ballet and jazz.

Tell us about your accomplishments in your current sport(s). I have been in many recitals, and I have been dancing for over 5 years. I will be doing a competition this year, too.

What are the other sports you've played in the past? I have played soccer for 2 years, coach-pitch baseball, tennis, basketball, gymnastics, and I love to run fast!

Is there anything else you would like to tell us in regards to your love of sports? I love all different kinds of sports and really want to dance on a competition dance team. I am very interested in playing volleyball one day, too.



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Baldwin PTA Upcoming Events

Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners & Baldwin PTA

Wed, Sept 9 @ time TBD: PTA Meeting

Thurs, Sept 10 @ 5:30pm: Baldwin Gifted and Talented Program Parent Information Meeting-Baldwin Library

Thurs, Sept 10 @ 6-7pm: Baldwin Back to School Night PreK-2nd grade Parent/Teacher Classroom meetings

Thurs, Sept 17 @ 5:30pm: Baldwin Gifted and Talented Program Parent Information Meeting-Baldwin Library

Thurs, Sept 17 @ 6-7pm: Baldwin Back to School Night 3rd-5th grade Parent/Teacher Classroom meetings

Fri, Oct 16: Baldwin's Fall Carnival @ 5pm



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is September 25 @ 5:30pm at the Pavilion

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| Café open 6 | Labor Day 7 Café open 11am-6pm | Chicken 8 Teriyaki Rice, Vegetables | PestoMarinated 9 Tilapia, Lemon Caper Sauce, Orzo Pasta, Caesar Salad | Chicken 10 Marsala Fettuccine Cesar Salad | Baby Back Ribs 11 Molasses, Ranchero Beans, Potato Salad, Corn Bread | Café open 12 |
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| Café open 20 | Chicken Fried 21 Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Creamy Gravy, Roasted Corn | MahiMahi 22 Fish Tacos, Jicama Slaw, Rice | Stir Fry Shrimp, 23 Fried Rice, Vegetables Orange Ginger Sauce | Chicken Breast 24 Stuffed /Crabmeat Caper Sauce Rice, Vegetables | Sliced BBQ 25 Brisket, Chicken, Sausage, Ranchero Beans, Potato Salad, Corn Bread | Café open 26 |
| Café open 27 | Tarragon Walnut 28 Crusted Chicken Orange Ginger Sauce, Cranberry Rice, Vegetables | Braised 29 Porkloin Chops, Roasted Shallot Sauce, Rice, Vegetables | Meatloaf, 30 Mashed Potatoes green beans | | | All Specials \$10.00 Ready at 5pm |

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ORGANIZING TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners

Spring may be a popular season for cleaning, but fall is a great time to get your home organized, especially if you have students who are starting school. Clutter creates chaos. Once an area gets messy and disorganized, it becomes the de facto dumping ground for everything else. Here are a few clutter busters to keep the chaos under control.

Start With the Hot Spots -- Clear flat surfaces that tend to accumulate piles on a daily basis. If you find yourself tempted to leave items in those areas, replace the clutter with artful decorations to remind yourself that it's no longer a dumping zone.

Designate a Space for Everything -- Find a home for everything in each and every room of your house, including the garage. If it doesn't fit, consider it a sign that you need to go through and purge the items you no longer use.

Arrange by Frequency of Use -- Keep regularly used items near the front or at eye level in closets, drawers and pantry spaces. Store the stuff you rarely use high up or in the back.

Compartmentalize to Avoid Clutter -- Use drawer dividers and storage containers to group like items together. Each compartment serves as a placeholder when items are in use, which prevents the space from being overtaken by random clutter.

Zip and Store Small Things -- To keep clutter under control, group small items by category and store them in re-sealable plastic bags inside a larger storage container or drawer.

Swap out the Extra Stuff -- Rotate clothing, toys and accessories by season so you aren't tripping over winter boots when you're looking for flip-flops and vice versa. This strategy also works for taming the toy room.

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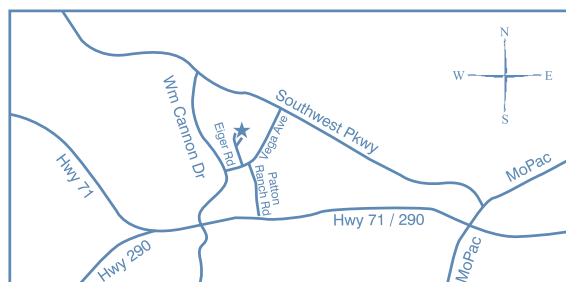
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Baldwin is looking for Fall Carnival Sponsors on Friday, Oct 16th. If your family or business is interested in promoting your business and supporting our school, we want to hear from you! Contact Andrea @ fundraising@baldwinpta.org for more information.

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|--------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | TOTAL | AVERAGE | | | | | TOTAL | |
| | Homes Sold | Square Feet | Price / Sq. Foot | Sold Price \$K | Year Built | Days On Market | Available | Pending Sale |
| <2500 | 6 | 2,248 | \$ 165 | \$ 371 | 2008 | 13 | 0 | 1 |
| 2500-2999 | 5 | 2,757 | \$ 153 | \$ 422 | 2007 | 21 | 1 | 3 |
| 3000-3499 | 7 | 3,171 | \$ 136 | \$ 432 | 2008 | 32 | 3 | 4 |
| 3500-3999 | 7 | 3,679 | \$ 139 | \$ 511 | 2007 | 61 | 3 | 3 |
| 4000-4500 | 5 | 4,278 | \$ 162 | \$ 693 | 2012 | 163 | 4 | 1 |
| >4500 | 2 | 4,928 | \$ 194 | \$ 956 | 2011 | 65 | 0 | 0 |
| Meridian Total | 32 | 3,327 | \$ 152 | \$ 507 | 2009 | 56 | 11 | 12 |
| % Change Mo/Mo | 7% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 0% | 19% | 0% | 33% |
| % Change Yr / Yr | 0% | 3% | 5% | 8% | 0% | 47% | 22% | 300% |

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