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# Mitra Dr. Labor Day Block Party

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Mitra Dr. resident  
& Realtor, Austin Real Estate Partners*

On Sunday, September 3, Meridian neighbors on Mitra Dr. gathered to celebrate Labor Day. Each participating family brought a pot-luck dish. Over 100 adults and kids spent the late afternoon and into the evening visiting and enjoying each other's company. The kids rode bicycles and scooters, and after the sun went down, a family friendly movie was shown. Thanks to all of those that participated with a special thanks to the families who organized the event and "donated" their yards for the evening. Events like this is one of the reasons our neighborhood is so great. Gather folks on your block and enjoy an evening together.



# 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](http://www.PEELinc.com) or you can email it [meridian@peelinc.com](mailto: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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### *About the cover photo*

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop,  
Austin Real Estate Partners*

The Meridian neighbors on Mitra Drive celebrated Labor Day with a block party. These sweet little ladies enjoyed the evening riding their bikes and enjoying their neighbors.

### *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](mailto:meridian@peelinc.com).

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





## BALDWIN ELEMENTARY

### Carnival Wristband & Ticket Order Form

*Due by October 9th, 2015 by 5pm*

***Save money and avoid the lines at the Carnival – Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 5-8:30pm.***

***Order your Carnival Tickets and Wristbands ahead of time!***

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Wristbands *do not* cover Confetti Eggs, Spirit Sticks, Glow Shop, Grab Bags.

**\$25.00 per child – if purchased by October 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fundraising@baldwinpta.org).

**Order online @ [www.baldwinpta.org](http://www.baldwinpta.org) or**

***Fill out the form below and return to the PTA. Make checks payable to Baldwin PTA.***

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**Detach order form here and return to the Baldwin PTA Lockbox in the school foyer.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Wristband(s) @ \$25.00ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Tickets: \$10 \$20 \$30 \$40 \$50  
(Circle the dollar amount of tickets you wish to purchase. Pre-Sale Tickets will only be sold in \$10 increments: \$10 = 20 tickets, \$20 = 40 tickets ...)

# THE MONITOR

## OUR COMMUNITY CARES

### **MERIDIAN GIRL SCOUTS COMMEMORATE THE NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE BY GIVING BACK**

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop Girl Scout Troop #1244 leader*

Brownie Troop #1244, consisting of 2nd grade girls at Baldwin Elementary, participated in The Girl Scouts of Central Texas Oak Hill Service Unit's Firehouse Challenge, on September 12th as part of the National Day of Service in conjunction with the September 11th anniversary. For the second year in a row, this troop has gathered to cook and deliver dinner for our firefighters and EMS workers at the Escarpment/45 Fire Station. In addition, each girl also wrote short note of thanks to the community helpers that keep our neighborhood safe and provide emergency services any time of the day or night. Over all, the Girl Scouts of the Oak Hill Service Unit prepared and delivered 30 dinners to the 6 firehouses within the Oak Hill Service Unit area during the entire September 11th week. Nice job, girls! And, a giant thank you to our brave fire fighters and EMS teams.



## Five Quick Tips: Creating a Useful Home Office

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor, Austin Real Estate Partners-Caring for Clients and Communities*

More and more of today's workforce are setting up shop at home, including many of our Meridian neighbors. Let's face it; working from home has serious benefits. You can't beat the commute or the flexibility you have when it comes to structuring your day, but there are also drawbacks. Creating a makeshift office at the kitchen table could mean important documents end up with a coffee ring or worse, go missing.

Whether you work full-time from home or just need an occasional workspace, thoughtful room design can make all the difference. From task lighting to functional storage, here are a few pointers for setting up an effective home office:

**Lighting** -- Ensure you have both general and task lighting to prevent eyestrain. Ideally, office lighting should illuminate your work space without adding glare to your computer screen.

**Ergonomics** -- Arrange your desk, chair and the computer screen so you're sitting in a neutral position while typing. Avoid any positions that require twisting or leaning forward, as both put a strain on your back.

**Cable Management** -- Keep control of cables with color-coded

ties and clips. Don't forget to include a charging station for all of your electronic devices.

**Aesthetics** -- Consider the view from your office window. If you don't have the luxury of overlooking a beautiful outdoor space, add decorative touches indoors to create an office you'll love spending time in.

**Storage** -- Integrate functional storage into your office space, especially if other members of the family will also be using the room. If space is at a premium, go vertical, adding storage boxes and file holders to shelves.



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## Calling Meridian Mamas to Join Circle C

### Mom's Club

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor,  
Austin Real Estate Partners & Circle C  
Mom's club member*

Circle C Mom's is a group of neighborhood moms that coordinate events for children, moms and families. Children's events include weekly age-specific playdates, holiday parties and field trips. Weekly moms' events are usually hosted at members' homes or nearby restaurants and include activities such as bunko nights, book club, craft night, movie nights, recipe/supper club, ladies-only lunches and much, much more! These activities are a great opportunity for moms to get out and enjoy a little "adult" time and meet new friends.

If you're interested in joining, please contact Kimberly De LaGarza @ delagarzakim@yahoo.com.

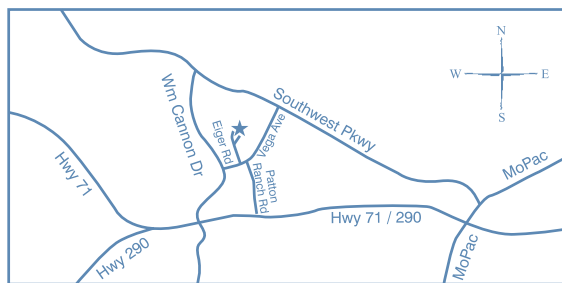


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11	Chicken Fried 12 Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Creamy Gravy, Roasted Corn	Coriander 13 Crusted Chicken Breast, Ranchero Sauce, Cilantro Rice, Cesar Salad	Tarragon 14 Salmon Serrano Mango Salsa, Pineapple, Rice, Cesar salad	Braised Pork 15 Chops, Roasted Garlic Cabernet Sauce, Cheesy Potatoes, Cesar Salad	Chicken 16 Marsala Fettuccine Cesar Salad	17
18	Pistachio 19 Crusted Chicken Wild Mushroom Sauce, Orzo Pasta, Grilled Vegetables	Almond Crusted 20 Tilapia, Potatoes Au gratin, Spinach Basil Crème Sauce	Ancho Pepper 21 Rub pork tenderloin Pineapple sauce Oven roasted potatoes, vegetables	Chicken Stuffed 22 Gorgonzola cheese, Argula, Oven Roasted potatoes, Vegetables	Molasses Baby 23 Back Ribs, Ranchero Beans, Potato Salad, Corn Bread	24
25	Coriander Crusted 26 Pork Tenderloin Black bean, corn, mushrooms ragu Julienne Chayote Squash & Carrots Cilantro & Red Bell Pepper Rice	New York Strip 27 Cabernet Mushroom Sauce Scallop Potatoes Caesar Salad	Chicken Cordon 28 Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables, Caesar Salad	Pan Seared Mahi 29 Mahi, Fruit Salsa, Orzo Pasta, Cesar Salad,	Fried Cod, 30 Coleslaw, Fries, Hush Puppies	<b>Friend us on Facebook for specials offers!</b>

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Belterra	110	2,871	\$ 141	\$ 404	2010	79	46	11
Bridges At Bear Creek	19	2,533	\$ 153	\$ 387	2012	94	19	2
Cherry Creek	12	1,988	\$ 157	\$ 312	1996	10	3	7
Circle C Ranch	216	2,876	\$ 160	\$ 460	2004	47	81	31
Heights at Loma Vista	5	3,409	\$ 144	\$ 490	2006	40	5	1
Highpointe	42	3,202	\$ 130	\$ 418	2010	93	28	5
Legend Oaks	31	2,348	\$ 158	\$ 371	1993	17	3	7
Lewis Mountain	2	4,349	\$ 174	\$ 755	1997	38	2	1
Loma Vista	2	3,032	\$ 177	\$ 536	2005	8	0	0
Maple Run	52	1,725	\$ 160	\$ 276	1987	11	7	8
Meridian	41	3,303	\$ 151	\$ 499	2008	49	8	3
Oak Creek Parke	9	2,835	\$ 136	\$ 385	1993	14	1	0
Reunion Ranch	7	3,249	\$ 158	\$ 513	2014	64	4	3
Ridgeview	10	2,995	\$ 166	\$ 497	2014	129	4	1
Sendera	31	2,073	\$ 151	\$ 313	1999	24	5	8
Shady Hollow	42	2,297	\$ 155	\$ 355	1987	14	10	7
Villages at Western Oaks	72	2,158	\$ 162	\$ 350	1995	12	14	13
Western Oaks	9	2,646	\$ 154	\$ 406	1987	61	1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>2,656</b>	<b>\$ 154</b>	<b>\$ 408</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>% Change Mo/Mo</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>-29%</b>
<b>% Change Yr / Yr</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-22%</b>

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