

MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

2105 Meridian HOA Meeting Recap

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners and
HOA Advisory Board Member*

Thank you to all the Meridian residents who sent in your proxy or attended the annual Home Owner's Association meeting in person on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 in the Baldwin Elementary cafeteria. For the first year, we successfully met quorum and were able to hold the meeting on the first scheduled date. In past years, we have had to reschedule the meeting several times in order to get enough proxy votes and/or attendees in order to proceed with the meeting agenda, so your efforts are much appreciated.

Officer Visci, from the Austin Police Department, opened the meeting with a few safety reminders and simple tips on how to keep our homes and valuables safe:

- Lock your cars and keep garages closed.
- Keep porch lights on all night so thieves have fewer places to hide.
- If you park outdoors, add extra lug nut locks to your wheels to keep recent tire thefts reported in the surrounding areas from coming to Meridian.
- Report suspicious activity so patrol officers can have a stronger presence in our neighborhood.
- Consider joining Meridian's Neighborhood Watch volunteer group.

If you are interested in participating in or learning more about Meridian's Neighborhood Watch program, contact Dawn Bowes @ dawn@boweslaw.com.

Another issue that was discussed at length was the number of speeding incidents in the neighborhood. Please drive carefully through our neighborhood. You may have noticed that Officer Visci placed a temporary speed detector on Cherisse to help us all be more aware of our speed.

The new Meridian HOA Advisory Board members have been slated for the year. Please feel free to contact these neighbors with any questions or concerns:

Matt Moore-Stratus Properties

James Agnew, Cherisse, in the 55' section

Dawn Bowes-Alcanza, in the 80' section

Vito DelGatto, Cherisse, in the 55' section

Joel Dolisy, in the 1-acre estate section

Vince Heinz, Espina, in the 70' section

Ron Hruby, Cherisse, in the 55' section

Jacquelyn Waldrop, Mitra Dr. in the 80' section

Meridian Food Truck Night

Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners

Thanks for coming to Meridian's last Food Truck Night of the year on Friday, September 25th. This past month, Meridian residents were treated to a fun evening courtesy of Close2MyHome, the Meridian Social Committee and our neighborhood HOA. Twisted X Brewery and Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor with Austin Real Estate Partners provided a complimentary beer tasting, while live music played all night long. Close2MyHome provided limbo and hula contests, musical chairs, sidewalk art and a DJ dance party for the kids. If you missed it, be sure to join us in the spring for our next Food Truck Night at the pavilion. Special thanks to Meridian's Social Committee volunteers who spend their valuable time planning these fun and exclusive events for our neighborhood.

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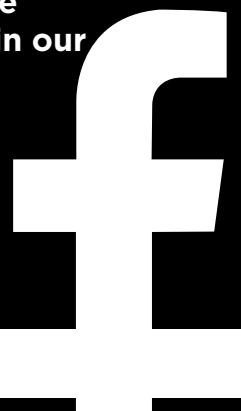


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- Meridian neighborhood activities
- Baldwin Elementary PTA programs and Spirit nights
- Cool Community updates
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A Newsletter for Meridian residents

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.

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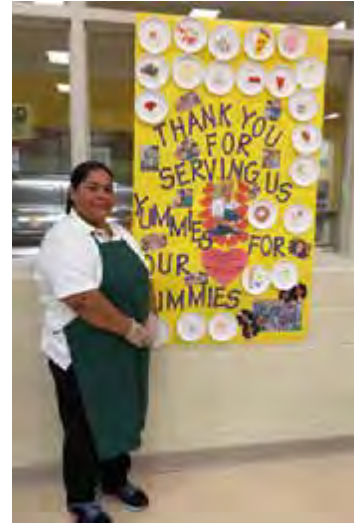
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Baldwin Staff Appreciation Week

September 28-October 2

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

This was a very special week at Baldwin, where students and teachers showed their gratitude for the other staff members in the building that keep everything in motion at our school, from the front office staff to the custodians, librarian and special area staffers. Each classroom was assigned a staff member and were encouraged to honor in their staffer in their own special way. Many classes made special art work, cards and other gifts of gratitude for their staffer, which were hung in the halls and other high-traffic areas for all to enjoy, making Baldwin hallways even more festive and colorful. Also, Baldwin parents sent in monetary donations to purchase gift cards for each staff member. In addition to the wonderful recognition given to the staff during the week, the PTA and parent volunteers also provided breakfast tacos and other delicious treats for staff and teachers on Thursday, October 1. Thanks to all the students, parents and teachers for their efforts in helping Baldwin continue this great tradition.



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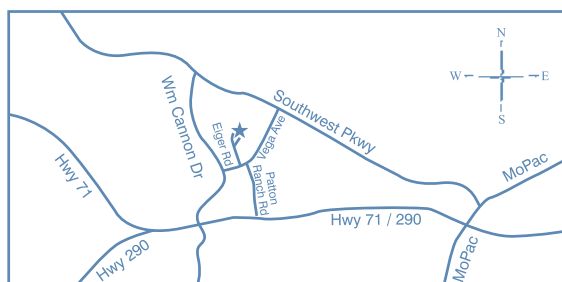
*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop,
Austin Real Estate Partners &
Baldwin PTA*

Baldwin PTA would like to thank the Baldwin Elementary community for another super successful fundraising event on Friday, October 16.

Proceeds from the annual carnival will go directly to Meridian's students at Baldwin. Funds raised go to support special programs and activities at Baldwin from the mobile planetarium, the traveling Science Safari exhibit, classroom book collections, technology upgrades and much, much more. Thank you Baldwin community! We could not do it without your support!



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4 Lighting Options That Impact Your Home's Ambience

Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor, Austin Real Estate Partners

Proper lighting isn't just about creating functional spaces; it can also add interest to an area. Rooms can feel bigger, brighter and more beautiful with the right lighting techniques. Take your home from dreary to dramatic with these simple lighting tricks from the pros.

Use Ambient Lighting for Overall Feel -- Choose fixtures that provide sufficient brightness for the room's basic activities, like watching television, eating dinner or relaxing. Does the room have significant natural light? If the area is primarily used during the day, take advantage of that sunlight and complement it with other sources, like recessed lighting, if more is needed.

Install Dimmer Switches for More Control -- The lighting required in the family room when you're watching a movie is different from the lighting needed to work on a puzzle or kick back with a book. Use dimmer switches in rooms that serve multiple purposes to vary the lighting quickly and easily.

Add Accent Lighting to Highlight Features -- Accent lights draw attention to a room's focal point, such as a fireplace, artwork or feature wall. Options for accent lighting include recessed spotlights, track lights, sconces, uplights, and even some decorative table and floor lamps.

Optimize Task Lighting for Specific Lighting Needs -- Supplement ambient lighting with task lighting designed to provide light for a specific activity. Common places for task lighting include above the stove and countertops, on bedside tables and computer desks, and over bathroom mirrors.

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 @ delagarakim@yahoo.com.

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