

# MERIDIAN

## Community Monitor

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

## MERIDIAN HOA News

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Meridian HOA  
Advisory Board & Austin Real Estate Partners*

The newly elected HOA Advisory Board met on October 13 and November 18, 2015 to discuss neighborhood business. The agendas included:

- The Neighborhood Watch program
- Speed control in the neighborhood
- Entry visibility and intersection visibility at night
- Visibility issues at 1826 entry/exit
- Playground area improvement
- Landscaping and irrigation concerns
- Amenity/Pool Center land use and furniture
- Budget and proposal for summertime lifeguards
- Installation of additional lights at marquee sign and flag pole
- Street parking and use of garages
- Improved community website

Meeting minutes including the discussion can be found here:  
<http://hoasites.goodwintx.com/mer/Home.aspx>



## The Cookies are Here!

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The Girl Scouts of Central Texas Cookie Sale will run from January 20th through February 26th in 2016.

Look for your friendly neighborhood Girl Scout troop cookie booths right here in Meridian, at area grocery stores, restaurants and other retail locations nearby.

Where does the money go? When you buy Girl Scout Cookies, you make adventures possible with every box. Will your Girl Scout Cookie Professional help the local animal shelter across town? Cross the country to see the Washington Monument or cross the ocean to fly through the rainforest on a zip line? It's up to her and her troop.

When girls participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, they get more than new adventures. They develop important life skills—goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics—that will set them up for success beyond anything they can imagine.

That's why we ask you to buy the delicious cookies you crave all year from your local Girl Scout Cookie Professional—not from her parents. You will enjoy your favorite cookie even more knowing you helped her do all the amazing things she's got planned for this year.

### MEET THE COOKIES

Your favorites are back, including: Thin Mints®, Samoas®, Tagalongs®, Do-si-dos®, Trefoils®, Savannah Smiles®.

**For more info, visit the  
Girl Scouts of Central Texas website:**

[www.gsctx.com](http://www.gsctx.com)

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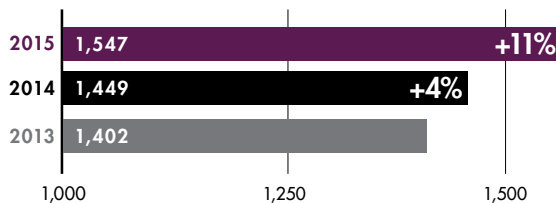


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\*Based on 2011-2015 home sales through Austin Board of Realtors \*\* For a detailed report, please visit [abor.com/statsJan15](http://abor.com/statsJan15)

## Baldwin PTA News

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

### **BALDWIN'S "LOVE YOUR SCHOOL" PTA FUNDRAISER WILL TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY 10TH-19TH**

Instead of selling merchandise to raise funds, Baldwin PTA is asking you to "Love your school," and support our PTA programs by donating funds, of any amount directly to our PTA. Checks can be made payable to "Baldwin Elementary PTA" and can be dropped off at the school office. Help us meet our goal of raising \$10,000 for Baldwin PTA programs.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE BALDWIN BASH: FRIDAY, APRIL 22.**

Save the date for this adults-only night of fun, while supporting our Bobcats. Event sponsorships are available, and we are looking for in-kind donations to include in our silent auction. It is a great opportunity to promote your business to other Bobcats and Meridian neighbors. If you would like to donate an item or become a sponsor for the evening, please contact [fundraising@baldwinpta.org](mailto:fundraising@baldwinpta.org)

## **YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR VOICE**

Do you have an article or story that you would like to run in this newsletter? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email your document to [meridian@peelinc.com](mailto:meridian@peelinc.com).



## HOA REMINDERS



Meridian HOA would like to remind you to please scoop your pup's poop and properly dispose of it in the waste receptacles provide throughout the neighborhood. Thanks for your cooperation and courtesy.



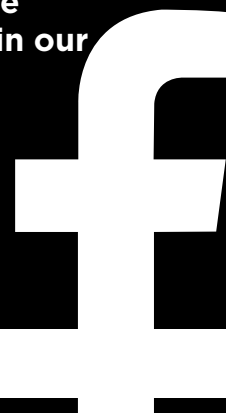
Meridian HOA would like to remind you that if you must temporarily park on the street, please park only in front of your home and be mindful to keep intersections clear as a courtesy to your neighbors.

**Like this page brought to you by Jacquelyn Waldrop & Austin Real Estate Partners and be the first to know about the good news and happenings in our great neighborhood.**

Get the scoop on:

- Meridian neighborhood activities
- Baldwin Elementary PTA programs and Spirit nights
- Cool Community updates
- Special offers and freebies from local Circle C/Meridian area businesses

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## WELCOME

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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.

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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# Our Community Cares Spotlight

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real  
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## Thank you for your generosity for Baldwin's Care and Share Holiday Drive

Thanks to all the students and families at Baldwin who worked together to make the holidays merrier for a few of our Baldwin Bobcats. Each class at Baldwin brought items to help sponsor a family for the holidays. Based on the information the family has shared, including personal needs and a few Christmas wishes, the students have each signed up to bring an item from the family's wish list. Last year, Baldwin supported 16 families in this annual holiday tradition.

### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE, AND MERIDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.**

Frequently requested items: Laundry detergent, dish soap, all toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers/wipes, household cleaners, new socks-any size, grocery and Target/Walmart gift cards in any denomination.

All items must be delivered to Baldwin on the morning on Monday, December 14 so they can be sorted and ready for the Families for pick-up later that week.

Thanks to the Baldwin community to for your continued generosity again this holiday season. For more information on how you can help, please contact Tara Stromberg @ [tstrombe@gmail.com](mailto:tstrombe@gmail.com).

## Do you take great photos?

*Would you like to see your photo published?  
We are looking for great 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*.

## CALLING MERIDIAN MAMAS TO JOIN CIRCLE C MOM'S CLUB

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, 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 at: [delagarzakim@yahoo.com](mailto:delagarzakim@yahoo.com).



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