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News for the Residents of Belterra

WELCOME TO BELTERRA BULLETIN

A Newsletter for the Belterra Community

The Bulletin is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Belterra residents. Each newsletter will be 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 team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www. PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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Austin's Live Music Running Event Taking Place on April 3

North Austin is home to the Austin 10/20, the only race in town that can truly claim to be Austin's Live Music Running Event. The 5th Annual Austin 10/20 is a family friendly race that will be held on April 3 at the Domain. The 10 mile running and walking event will have 20 stages of live music along the course and a Headliner Concert featuring Grammy nominated rock band Fastball at the Finish. Over 5,000 participants are expected to attend.

From local bands, to local prize money, to a featured local charity (Capital Area Food Bank of Texas), the Austin 10/20 showcases all thing that make Austin the best city in Texas.

Since the beginning of the Austin 10/20 in 2012, over 400 local bands have applied to play at the annual race but only twenty of the best can be selected each year. These talented bands are positioned every half mile along the route to keep athletes motivated and rocking as they move along.

Last year's winner Kenneth Rotich covered the race course in just 49:27. Runner up Erik Stanley was right on his heels finishing just a second behind in 49:28. Stanley was also the Travis County Champion and the winner of a special prize money purse available to the top five local male and female finishers.

Don't let the fast times discourage you as athletes of all abilities are welcomed and encouraged to participate. In addition to tons of music, the Austin 10/20 offers plenty of course support – water stations, cold towel stations, cheer zones and porta-pottie locations along the route to make race day enjoyable for

everyone. The generous three hour time limit allows for walkers to participate.

Waiting at the Finish Line for all participants is a dazzling finisher medal and a rock 'n' roll Post Race Party with free beer (must be 21 or older). Rock band and Austin trio, Fastball will take the Main Stage at 10:30 AM. Friends and Family are welcome to cheer on their runners and stay for the Finish Line Concert.

The Austin 10/20 is sponsored by Third Base Sports Bar, Corner Bakery Café and Lyft. Turnkey Operations produces the race and is based in Austin, TX.

To learn more about the Austin 10/20 or to register for the race, visit Austin1020.com.



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Attention Teenagers

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Belterra teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to *belterna@peelinc.com* by the 9th of the month!

HOPE4MINDS Amplifies Hope for Children with Acquired Brain Injury with \$10,000 Matching Grant from DOCUmation

VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS TO KICK OFF 2016 AM-PLIFY AUSTIN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN AT THE DOGWOOD ON MARCH 8TH

HOPE4MINDS, an Austin-based nonprofit that provides charitable support to Texas families of children with an acquired brain injury, aims to raise \$30,000 in its 2016 Amplify Austin campaign that kicks off at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, at The Dogwood, 715 W. 6th Street in Austin. The Kickoff Party goes until 10 p.m. with live music from The Fixer & the Flaw & Mike Reardon Blues and complimentary appetizers from 6 to 7 p.m. The Dogwood will generously donate 10% of all alcohol and food sales to HOPE4MINDS during the party.

DOCUmation, a leading provider of business technology solutions from printing to document management systems, will match donations to HOPE4MINDS up to \$10,000. HOPE4MINDS is supported by more than a dozen individual fundraisers of all ages through Amplify Austin's website. Learn how to make a donation by searching "HOPE4MINDS" at www.ilivehereigivehere.org/amplify-austin or go to www.hope4minds.org.

Since 2012, HOPE4MINDS has provided more than \$296,000 in services to families. They help families pay for things such as therapy, treatments, equipment, and home renovations that are not covered or only partially covered by insurance. They have a monthly support group in Austin, along with a Parents-4-Parents Support Program. They also offer CPR/First Aid Trainings and Concussion Baseline Screenings in the Austin area.

"HOPE4MINDS is truly changing the lives of the families it supports and our team wants others to know about the incredible impact they are having on kids' lives," says Denise Bodman, Real Estate Advisor for Engel & Völkers who has supported HOPE4MINDS as a donor and volunteer since its inception in 2011. "Amplify Austin is a unique opportunity to rally our community to learn what HOPE4MINDS is all about and to rally our community behind their cause."

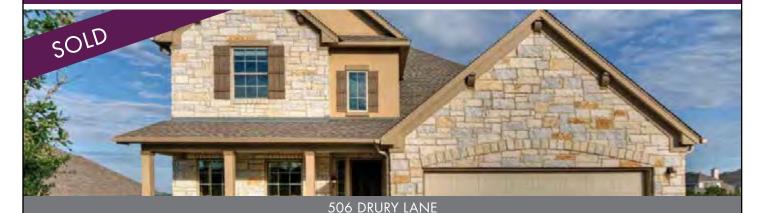
According to The Center for Head Injury Services, approximately 1 in 500 school-age children each year receive a head injury severe enough to be hospitalized. Although families are eligible for state and federal financial support, funding is limited, and families are forced to pay for medical care on their own. A child who survives a head injury face a wide range of conditions, including short-term memory loss, a decline in functions such as reasoning, judgment, and synthesizing information; anomia, or difficulty with words, as well as visual disturbances. Other effects may include ataxia, or a lack of coordination; apraxia, or an inability to coordinate a familiar movements such as brushing teeth, combing hair, using eating utensils; spasticity, rigidity and myoclonus, disorders which can include a tendency toward jerky motions and trembling; and quadriparesis, a weakness of the arms and legs.

The HOPE4MINDS mission is to foster hope and enrich the lives of children with an acquired brain injury through support and education. For more information, visit www.hope4minds.org.

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ZIKA VIRUS



Zika virus is transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes and there is no specific treatment or vaccine currently available. The best way to avoid getting the virus is to avoid being bitten by infected mosquitoes. About 20% of people with Zika virus actually get ill. Severe disease, requiring hospitalization, is uncommon and death due to the virus is rare.

The incubation period of Zika virus is thought to be a few days to a week, but is still unknown. Symptoms include fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, and headache. Symptoms tend to be mild and last from 2-7 days. Zika virus can be contracted through the bite of an infected mosquito, through blood transfusions, through sexual contact, and from mother to child during pregnancy.

The mosquitoes that are able to transmit Zika virus are also able to transmit dengue and Chikungunya viruses. These mosquitoes are daytime biters, but can also bite at night. Aedes mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water- buckets, tires, tree holes, animal water dishes, etc.

To protect yourself from mosquito bites, wear light-colored clothing that covers as much skin as possible, use insect repellent (read and follow label instructions), use screening on doors and windows, use mosquito netting (if needed) while sleeping, and reduce standing water areas.

For more information on Zika virus, please see the CDC website here http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html

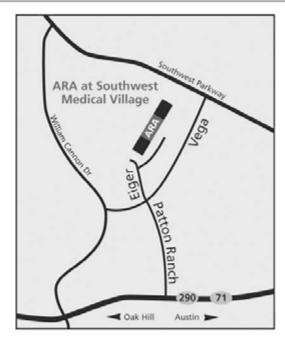
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Before you nix the xeriscape, know this: it doesn't mean you have to convert your lawn to a rock garden. Nor do you have to go cold turkey on turfgrass. But you do have to keep seven principles in mind.

Coined in 1981 by Denver Water, xeriscape (xeris is Greek for dry) refers to the principles of matching low maintenance landscape with low water usage.

Xeriscape is not just rocks, cactus, agaves, synthetic turf, decomposed granite and rain barrels, although these could all be components of a xeriscape. A xeriscape in its simplest form is minimal lawn, native flowering perennials and shrubs with no more than two inches of mulch, and pervious patios or decks.

There are seven principles of xeriscape. They include:
Planning and design
Soil amendment
Efficient irrigation
Appropriate plant selection
Mulch
Limited turf areas
Appropriate maintenance

Now let's look at what these principles really mean.

PLANNING AND DESIGN

Always begin with a plan. Consider aspect, shade, slope, soil, and existing and desired species. Always have in the back of your mind the goal of one third lawn, one third beds and one third pervious patio or deck.

SOIL AMENDMENTS

Soil holds moisture. The more soil, the less supplemental water needed. One way to increase water holding capacity is compost. Add one inch of compost to the soil. Expanded shale, while not organic, is excellent for heavy clay soils.

EFFICIENT IRRIGATION

Of course, the most efficient irrigation is rain. But the second best is a hose. Let this sink in — an in-ground irrigation system will use 50 percent more water (70 percent in the summer) than a hose-end sprinkler or hand held hose. Which do you think does a better job of conserving water?

APPROPRIATE PLANT SELECTION

Pick a good shade tree or two. Enjoy some native plants or ones





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well-adapted to our area. An extensive list of options is available at GardenStyleSA.com.

MULCH

Two inches of mulch, whether organic like woodchips or river rock, is sufficient. Xeric plants prefer limited mulch.

LIMITED TURF

It's really simple. Lawns uses an excessive amount water. Therefore, reduce the size of lawns. The recommendation of weekly mowing suddenly becomes much easier.

APPROPRIATE MAINTENANCE

Excessive pruning and fertilization does more harm than good. Just keep it simple – mow weekly, prune perennials no more than three times a year, prune trees once every five years and fertilize once a year or use compost in spring and fall.

SWING Networking Group

Promote your business with local independent business owners. SWING (South west Austin Inclusive Networking Group) has been meeting every Thursday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM at the Waterloo Ice House on Escarpment for 8 years.

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If you want more information, contact Liz Jensen at 512-301-6966 or lizleej@gmail.com or Peter Berardino (The King of SWING) at 512-695-2334 or peterberardino@gmail.com.

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WILDLAND FIRE PRECAUTIONS

With the approaching March winds, warmer temperatures and drying vegetation, residents need to be reminded of the need for wildfire/brush fire safety awareness and preparedness.

Do not park vehicles on the dry grass. The heat from the vehicle's exhaust system can cause the grass to catch fire.

Remove combustible materials from around your home. Keep grass mowed short.

Pack critical medicines, important documents, and family heirlooms to be ready to leave at a moment's notice.

Agree on an evacuation plan that includes what to do if you get separated and where you'll go in case of evacuation.

TEN SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDLAND FIRE

Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

- LPG/propane tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
- Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
- All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats and stacked lumber should be kept away from structures.
- Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.
 - Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.

- In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.
- Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water.
- Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.
- Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.
- Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood. (Balcones Drive, 35th Street, Perry/45th Street, Hancock Drive, Mount Bonnell Drive and RM2222)

Each family should be proactive to prepare for emergencies: Prepare a Basic Emergency Supply Kit; Make a Plan for Safety and Communicating with Family; Be Informed; and Get Involved in Preparing the Community.



A wealth of information to help you is available at: www.ready.gov/wildfires http://txforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=8512



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TIPS FOR SAFE NIGHTTIME DRIVING

Driving at night can be tricky—especially through neighborhoods or dimly lit landscapes—so it's important to keep in mind a few basic guidelines to make sure you and your vehicle both are well-prepared for the trip. Consider the following suggestions to help get you to your destination safely.

Ensure headlights are aimed properly. If you think your headlights are casting light too far above or below your line of vision on the road, you may need to adjust their aim. You can do this either by following instructions in your vehicle owner's manual or seeking help from a vehicle maintenance professional.

Dim dashboard lights. Most vehicle makes and models come with a dimmer for the instrument panel. Make sure it's set to the lowest brightness to limit distraction. Also remember to turn off overhead or visor lights while driving, which also can limit visibility at night.

Don't wear tinted glasses. Yellow lenses sold to enhance nighttime driving could actually decrease visibility instead of amplify colors and objects. If you wear prescription lenses, opt for an anti-reflective coating, and clean them thoroughly and frequently to optimize effectiveness at night.

Learn how to spot animals and objects. While driving at night, be on the lookout for wildlife creatures' eyes, which can easily be spotted as pairs of glowing retinas. Any animals' eyes—like raccoons or deer—typically

will reflect the light from your headlights long before their true shapes come into view.

Don't focus on headlights in oncoming traffic. Keep your eyes on the road in front of you and avoid looking into the headlights of oncoming traffic—especially if you notice a car using the high-beam headlight setting. If the headlights on the car behind you cause a glare in your rearview mirror, adjust the mirror.

Clean your windshield. Use a clean microfiber cloth or newspaper to clean the windshield—inside and out. Make sure the windshield is streak- and smudge-free before driving at night, and try to avoid wiping window condensation with your hands. Fingerprints and oils from your skin can cause streaks that limit visibility in the dark.

Know when to use your fog lights. Many vehicles come equipped with fog lights, which typically are located underneath the front headlights and are aimed low, where fog usually appears on the road. Fog lights also can be useful on a particularly dark road to further illuminate your path.

Adjust your exterior mirrors. Pointing your side-view mirrors down slightly can help reduce glare from other drivers' headlights and still allow you to see by tipping your head forward a few inches.

Have your eyes checked. Your eyes' ability to keep moving and scan the landscape rather than solely focus on one spot is imperative for successful nighttime driving. Visit your eye doctor for regular checkups to determine whether prescription lenses could help you see better at night.



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Let's all work together to help eliminate neighborhood crime. Please watch out for these activities in our neighborhood:

- * Someone running from a car or home.
- * Someone screaming. If you can't explain the screams, call law enforcement and report them.
- * Someone going door-to-door in the neighborhood or looking into windows and parked cars.
- * Someone asking about past residents.
- * Someone who appears to have no purpose wandering through the neighborhood.
- * Unusual or suspicious noises that you cannot explain, such as breaking glass or pounding.

- * Vehicles moving slowly without lights or without an apparent destination.
- * Business transactions conducted from a vehicle. This could involve the sale of drugs or stolen goods.
- * Offers of merchandise available for ridiculously low prices. The merchandise might be stolen.
- * Someone walking or running while carrying property at an unusual time or place.
- * Someone removing property from unoccupied residences.
- * A stranger entering a neighbor's home which appears to be unoccupied.
- * A stranger in a car who stops to talk to a child.
- * A child resisting the advances of an adult.



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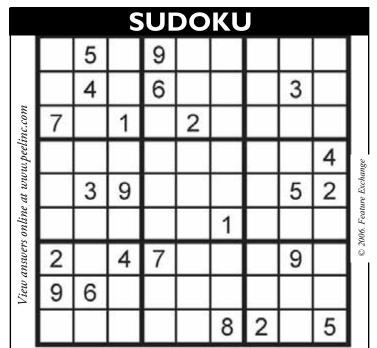
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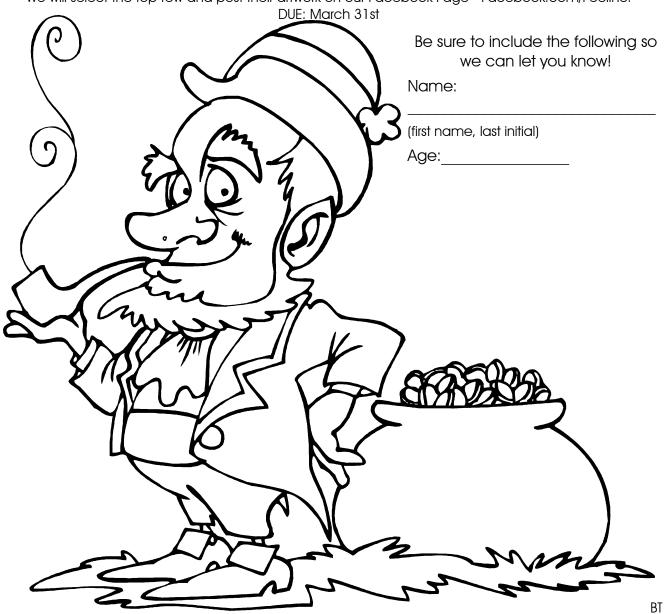
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