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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN



Friday, April 1st

*Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners &
Meridian HOA Advisor Board member*

Don't miss our first Food Truck Night of the year! Bring your family and meet your Meridian neighbors at the Pavilion for a fun-filled evening of music and selections from local food trailers. BYOB, blanket and/or chairs, cash for food, and an appetite!

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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



Save the Date
**Meridian's
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Staging Tips That Help Homes Sell QUICKLY

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners

The numbers don't lie; often well-staged homes can see faster sales and higher offers than their cluttered counterparts. The key is getting an early start on the process. By beginning the monumental task of clearing the clutter and doing a pre-pack now, you can reduce the stress of preparing for showings and make it easier to move when your home sells.

Try these five staging and organizing tips to help you reach a faster sale:

Purge From Top to Bottom -- Do a proper sort and purge, getting rid of outdated clothing, duplicate items and rarely used gadgets. To keep this task from turning into a source of serious frustration, tackle one room (or even one drawer) at a time.

Pack Up Everything but the Essentials -- Start pre-packing your home, storing non-essentials or out-of-season gear in the garage or off-site. The idea is to give potential buyers a sense of space, which can't be done if your home is overloaded with clutter.

Fix Glaring Problems -- Remove out-of-style wallpaper, replace broken light fixtures, update cabinet and drawer pulls, and refresh dated window treatments. Simple fixes like these can make your home stand out from the competition.

Depersonalize -- Remove family pictures and personal collections, and replace them with neutral artwork and simple accessories. The idea is to give potential buyers a neutral canvas so they can imagine their belongings in your home.

Go for Polished -- Research the latest design trends and stage your house to match. Professional stagers recommend tailoring the design style to your target demographic. For example, if you're in a family neighborhood, style the bedrooms for children, even if none live in your home.

Kindergarten Round-up Orientation at Baldwin

Thursday, April 7th from 8am-10am

Dr. Pena, Baldwin's principal, traditionally gives a short welcome message to students and parents at 8:15am and then parents of current Baldwin kindergarteners will be giving tours of the building and answering questions throughout the morning. This is a come and go event.

Prior to the Orientation, please complete your student's enrollment online. The office will be open during this time for you to present your required documentation for enrollment, including proof of address in the form of a utility bill, allowing you to complete the registration process.

Kindergarten Summer Playdates-TBD

Meet and mingle with future Bobcat cubs and parents at our summer playdates. Stay tuned for more details to come. There is traditionally early evening and mid-morning playdays scheduled in both June and July.

Kindergarten Kick Off Celebration

This is a special playdate where your Bobcat cub will have the opportunity to meet children in his/her class. Snacks will be provided. Don't miss the celebration and the opportunity to meet new friends and classmates!

Saturday, August 20 from 9:30-11am @ Large Baldwin Playground

Please contact Jacquelyn Waldrop at jwaldrop@austinreps.com / 512-923-3099 with any questions.

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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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Save the Date Our biggest spring PTA Event and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Friday Night, April 22nd
@ the Meridian Pavilion

Tickets go on sale March 28th.

Enjoy fun, food and friends and for the first time this year, a live band, at this adult-only event.

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Stay Safe, Change your Home's Smoke Detector Batteries at Daylight Savings

Jacquelyn Waldrop, Austin Real Estate Partners

On Sunday, March 13, 2016, Austinites will "spring forward" with the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, moving their clocks forward one hour until the fall. According to the Austin Fire Department (AFD), this event is an excellent opportunity to remind folks to also check—and, if necessary, change—the batteries in their smoke alarms. The number one reason that lives are saved in a fire is the presence of a working smoke alarm, which can cut the risk of dying in a house fire by almost 50 percent.

"A 9-volt battery is the simplest, cheapest life insurance you can buy," said Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr. "It only takes a few minutes to check and change the batteries, but it could save your life."

The Austin Fire Department was founded on September 25, 1857 and is now one of the 20 largest departments in the country, with 45 fire stations located throughout the city and more than 1,100 employees. For more information about life-saving fire prevention, please visit www.austinfiredepartment.org.

Calling Meridian Mamas to Join Circle C Mom's Club

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

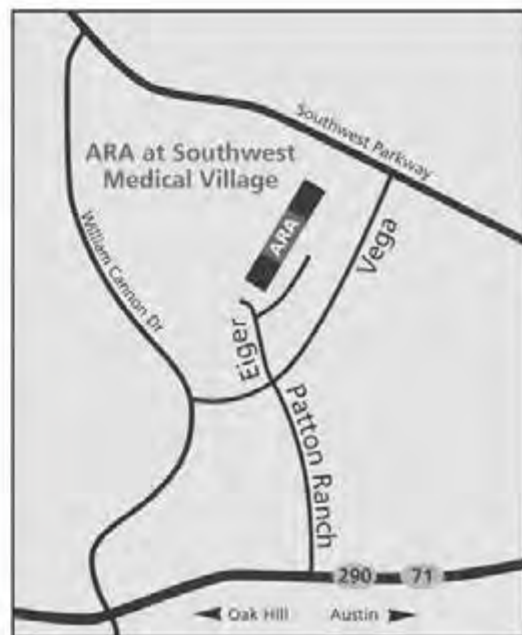
Circle C Mom's is a group of neighborhood moms that coordinate events for children, moms and families. Children's events include weekly age-specific playdates, holiday parties and field trips. Weekly moms' events are usually hosted at members' homes or nearby restaurants and include activities such as 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.

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Closed 6	Pistachio Crusted 7 Porkloin, Cabernet Cherry Sauce Garlic Mashed Potatoes Grilled Vegetables	Chicken 8 Teriyaki Basmati Rice Vegetables	Almond Crusted 9 Tilapia, Potatoes Au gratin, Spinach Basil Crème Sauce	New York 10 Strip, Wild Mushroom Sauce Oven Roasted Potatoes	Lime & Cilantro 11 Marinated Shrimp Tequila Butter Sauce Rice Julienne Chayote Squash	Spring Break 12 11am-6:00pm
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Spring Break 20 11am-6:00pm	Oven Baked 21 Chicken Fennel Leeks, Julienne Carrots, Potatoes	Sliced BBQ 22 Chicken, Sausage, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cornbread	Lime Grilled 23 Chicken, Mango Salsa, Green Beans Oven Roasted Rosemary Potatoes	Grilled Porkloin 24 Chops, Lentils, Vegetable Ragu, Cesar Salad	Pan Seared 25 Salmon, Spinach & Pine nut Pesto, Sundried tomato Polenta, Cesar Salad	Closed 26
Closed 27	Chicken Picatta 28 Linguine, Cesar Salad	Pulled Pork 29 Tacos, Cabbage Slaw, Cilantro Rice	Shrimp 30 Flautas Rice, Beans	Apple & Thyme 31 Roasted Chicken Thighs, Butternut Squash Sauce, Rice, Cesar Salad		In observation of Lent, Friday specials will be meatless

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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>

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com





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