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## July Summer Pool Party & Food Truck Night

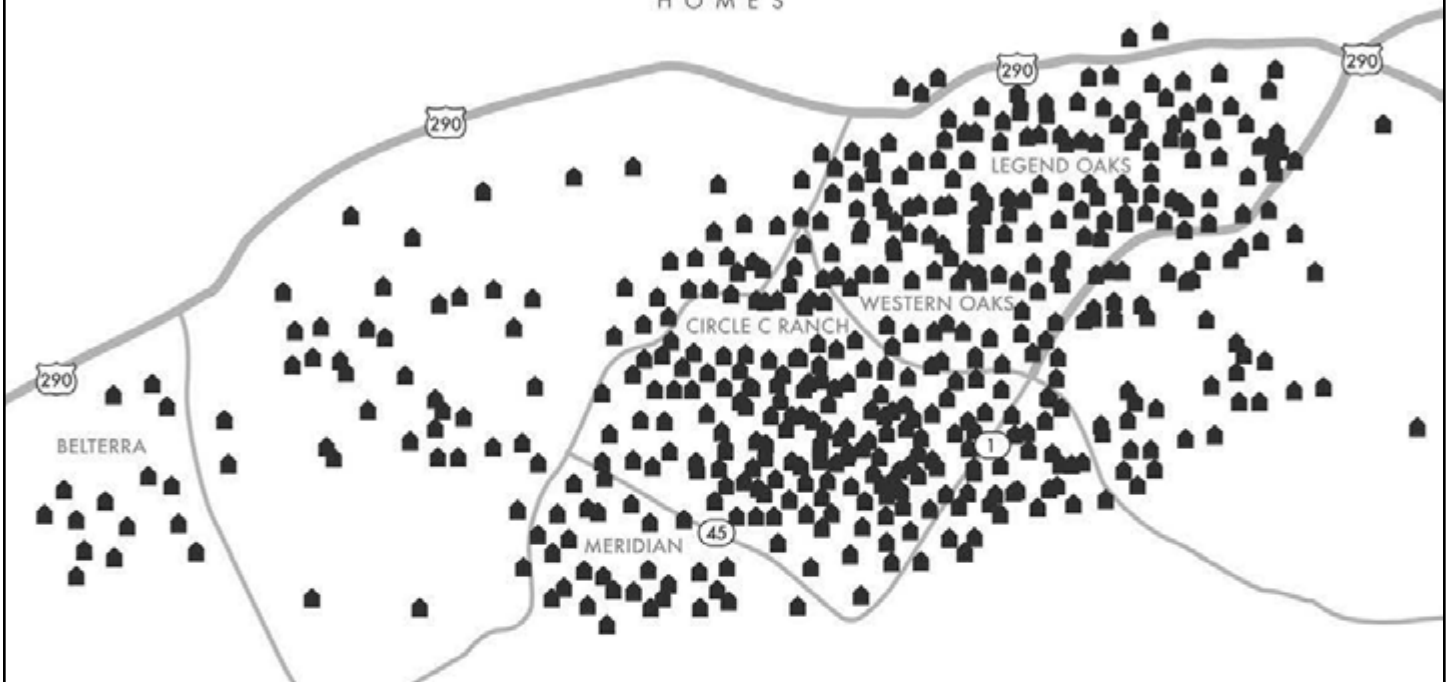
Thank you, Meridian, for coming out and joining your neighbors at our 2nd Annual July Summer Pool Party and Food Truck Night on Friday, July 23. The music was fun, the pool was cool, the food was both hot and delicious and the free beer was ice cold, but it wouldn't have been a party without you!

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop*





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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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## Cool Middle School Pool Party on August 18th

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor® AustinRealEstate.com*



Meridian 6th, 7th, and 8th graders enjoyed their annual Back to School Middle School Pool Party on August 18th. The middle schoolers treated to a night of summer fun at the pool with a DJ spinning tunes, glow sticks and beach balls.

Thanks to all the Meridian residents for allowing us to close the pool for this private party for our neighborhood middle school students, and thanks to the Meridian Social Committee member volunteers for making this event possible.



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## Meridian Food Truck Night

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, AustinRealEstate.com*

**Friday, September 2nd,  
2016 @ 5:30pm**

## Meridian Pool & Pavilion

Bring your family and meet your Meridian neighbors at the  
Pavilion & Pool for a fun-filled evening of live music and  
selections from local food trailers, with something yummy for  
everyone, especially the kids!



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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL,

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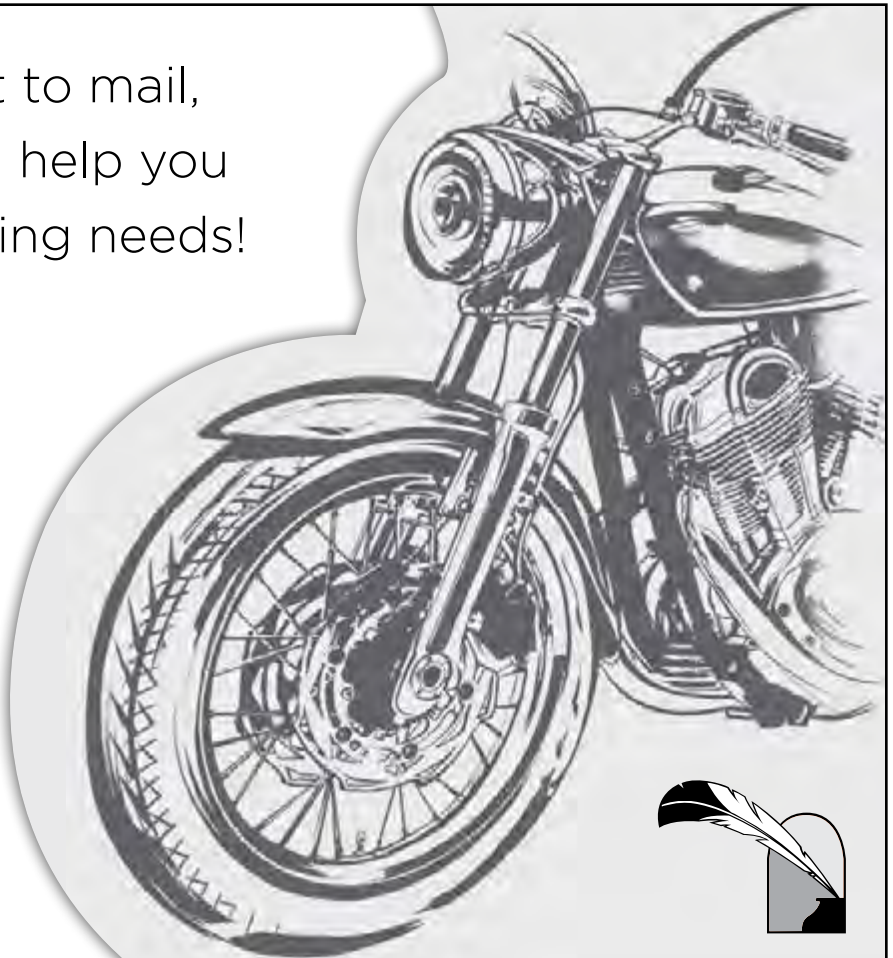
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## Does your daughter want to join Girl Scouts? Are you interested in being a Troop Leader?

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Girl Scouts of America Volunteer Troop Leader & AustinRealEstate.com*



The Oak Hill Service Unit of Girl Scouts of Central Texas has a mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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Even if you missed our recruitment rally, you can still join the fun! Troops are forming now. Incoming kindergarten through high school senior girls are invited to join a troop.

Need more info? Contact Janessa Glenn (Oak Hill Service Unit Director) oakhillgirlscouts@gmail.com

## Simple Homemade Cleaning Solutions

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor® – AustinRealEstate.com*

Whether you're looking for greener ways to clean your home or you just want to save money at the store, there are simple household cleaning products you can make on your own. Use the recipes, tips and precautions below to help you get started.

### All-Purpose Cleaner

Create your own inexpensive and effective all-purpose cleaner with liquid castile soap, tea tree oil, vodka, washing soda (not baking soda) and white vinegar. Boil the vinegar in the microwave, mix in the remaining ingredients according to the recipe and put the solution in a spray bottle for easy cleaning.

### Laundry Detergent

Avoid questionable foaming agents and heavy fragrance by making your own laundry detergent. Measure the correct amounts of soap flakes or grated bar soap, borax and washing soda, and store in an airtight container.

### Tips to Keep in Mind

- Avoid mix-ups by labelling and dating each cleaning product when it's made.
- Add a few drops of essential oils like tea tree, lavender and lemon to scent your homemade cleaning solutions.
- Substitute vodka for vinegar if you want a lighter smell.
- Before using a homemade cleaner on delicate surfaces like hardwood floors or marble, first test it in a small, hidden area.

### What to Avoid

- Do not mix bleach with ammonia or vinegar. The dangerous combination can damage your respiratory system.
- Keep hydrogen peroxide and vinegar separate at all times. Together they create peracetic acid, a highly corrosive compound that can lead to chemical burns.
- Don't use vinegar on reactive metal surfaces like aluminum or cast iron.
- Refrain from using large amounts of any cleaning solution, homemade or store-bought, in unventilated areas.

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Baldwin PTA member*

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

## Calling Meridian Mamas to Join Circle C Mom's Club

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop: AustinRealEstate.com  
& 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](mailto:delagarzakim@yahoo.com).



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