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A Newsletter for the Residents of Legend Oaks II

## OCTOBER EDITORIAL

*Janet Rourke*

This month's newsletter includes information on new neighbors, fun things to do in Austin in October and November, a few of the holiday craft bazaars in and around Austin, how to organize your home, and information on Neighborhood Compassion Watch.

The annual neighborhood association meeting was held on September 12th. Niki Tate was re-elected to the Board of Directors. The loan for the fence was paid off this year, saving us almost \$50,000 in interest fees. The board is considering hiring a company to assess our neighborhood and come up with a 30-year plan for what will need to be replaced in the coming years. This will help them determine assessment fees each year. The goal is help in planning expenses and to address structures/landscaping issues before they become major (expensive) problems. Neighbor concerns mostly centered around landscaping issues and ATT/Google Fiber issues.

Do you have a concern or helpful advice that would be of interest to neighbors? If so, please consider writing an article for the newsletter. The newsletter is submitted to Peel a month in advance, so if you are sending information about an upcoming event, it needs to occur at least two months in the future. Send any articles to Janet Rourke ([janetrourke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janetrourke@sbcglobal.net)) by the 10th of the month. Thanks for your help!

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

According to the Legend Oaks 2 Homeowners Association, no new neighbors moved into the neighborhood in August.

Everything you need to know about the Homeowners Association can be found at <http://hoasites.goodwintx.com/loh/Home.aspx> - bylaws, how to get a pool pass, meeting minutes, payment instructions for HOA dues, architectural change forms...

Want to know what is going on right now in the neighborhood? Subscribe to:

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# HOLIDAY BAZAARS, MARKETS, AND CRAFT SHOWS

The holidays are coming up. Looking for unique gifts for your loved ones, check out local artisans and crafters at the many local holiday markets! Here are a few:

### *Boerne Handmade Market*

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

Oct. 29; 9 am – 4 pm; Kendall County Fairgrounds, Boerne, TX

Over 80 vendors with handmade clothing, kids toys and accessories, gift items, bath products, home décor items, and more. Food trucks, coffee shop, mancave, and kid's activities.

### *Holiday Bazaar*

([abidinglove.org](http://abidinglove.org))

Nov. 5; Abiding Love Lutheran Church; 7210 Brush Country Rd.  
Handmade items.

### *Junior League of Austin - A Christmas Affair*

([www.jlaustin.org/?nd=aca2016](http://www.jlaustin.org/?nd=aca2016))

Nov. 16 – Nov. 20; Palmer Events Center

Approximately 200 vendors in a themed shopping extravaganza – includes parties, children's events, private shopping brunch, and Santa! Proceeds support feeding hungry children during school year (FIT – Food in Tummies), providing coats for kids (Coats for Kids), and supporting 33 community nonprofits with volunteers and funding.

### *Blue Genie Art Bazaar*

([bluegenieartbazaar.com](http://bluegenieartbazaar.com))

Nov. 25-Dec 24; 10 am – 10 pm daily; free admission; 6100  
Airport Blvd., Austin

Features handmade artwork and gifts from over 200 local and regional artists. A portion of the proceeds go to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

### *Armadillo Christmas Bazaar*

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

Dec. 14-24; Palmer Events Center; 10 am – 10 pm daily; \$8  
single pass, kids 12 and under free.

Music (at least 3 bands/day) and over 160 locally and nationally acclaimed artists exhibit fine art and artisan crafts.

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## FAMILY THINGS TO DO IN AUSTIN

### *October - November*

#### **House of Torment (houseoftorment.com)**

Most days in October; corner of Hwy 183 & Hwy 290 East;  
general admission ticket: \$19.99  
Three new haunted houses, check website for full details.

#### **Dia de Los Muertos at Fiesta Gardens (austindiadelosmuertos.com)**

Oct 15  
Live music, art, costume contest, food and drink

#### **Movies in the Park: Jurassic Park (austinparks.org)**

October 20, Palm Park, 8 pm, free admission

#### **Texas Clay Festival, Gruene Historical District of New Braunfels (texasclayfestival.com)**

October 22 & 23, admission: free

Over 60 Texas potters and clay artists. Demonstrations, view and purchase pottery.

#### **Austin Symphony's Halloween Children's Concert (austinsymphony.org)**

October 23 at 3 pm; Dell Hall;  
Admission: \$15 adults; \$10 children

Annual concert featuring "boo-tiful" music for young kids. Entire family invited to dress in costume.

#### **Austin Symphony's Disney in Concert: Tim Burton's "The Nightmare before Christmas" (austinsymphony.org)**

October 28 at 8 pm; Dell Hall;

Admission: Ticket price depends on location in theater

#### **Bob Bullock Spooktacular (thestoryoftexas.com)**

October 28; Bob Bullock Museum

After hours family-friendly Halloween extravaganza – performances, games, interactive activities, art, ...

#### **Texas Monthly BBQ Festival (tmbbq.com)**

Oct. 29, 11 am – 1 pm;

Brisket Brunch at Juliet Ristorante. Tickets \$85

Oct 30, 1-4 pm;

Long Performing Center; Tickets \$80 adult, \$10 kids  
27 bbq joints provide all you can eat. Shiner Beer and Legacy Whisky available for purchase.

#### **Christmas at the Caswell House (austinjuniorforum.org)**

November 3 – 11, Price varies depending on event  
A tradition since 1983. The Austin Junior Forum transforms the Caswell House into a winter wonderland. Now in its 32nd year, Christmas at Caswell raises funds that are distributed to local charities and non-profits through our grants program. Events include: daily shopping, women & wine, brunches, mother-daughter teas, Jingle Bell luncheons, happy hour, beer & bites, milk & cookies with Santa, and Holiday Family Night.

#### **Wurstfest (wurstfest.com)**

November 4 -13, New Braunfels Landa Park; Monday - Wednesdays 5 pm – 9:30; Thursday & Friday 5 – 11:30 pm; Saturdays 11 am - 12:30 am; Sundays 11 am – 9:30 pm  
Annual celebration of German culture. Enjoy good food, music, dancing, carnival rides and games, German, Texan and domestic beer, special events and the finest in Alpine and Bavarian Style Entertainment.

#### **Austin Celtic Festival (austincelticfestival.com)**

November 5 – 6, Festival Gardens; 12pm - 7:30pm, must purchase tickets online – do not sell tickets at the gate.  
Join the 18th Annual Celtic Festival for everything celtic – music, dance, sports, animals, history, workshops!

#### **Texas Book Festival (texasbookfestival.org)**

November 5-6; Capital and downtown Austin; free admission  
More than 250 authors – author readings, presentations, discussions, book signings, cooking demonstrations, vendors, children's activities...

#### **Movies in the Park: Goonies (austinparks.org)**

November 10, Pease Park, 8 pm, free admission

#### **East Austin Studio Tour (east.bigmedium.org)**

November 12 – 13; Nov. 19-20

Free, annual, self-guided art event occurring over two weekends in November, providing the public with an opportunity to meet local artists and artisans all over east Austin.

#### **Fossil Fest in Round Rock (austinpaleo.org)**

November 19-20, 9am - 5pm; Old Settlers Heritage Association - next to Dell Diamond; admission \$3 adult, \$2 child 6-12; free under 6

Learn all about fossils from a UT scientist, science educators and knowledgeable PSoA members - hands-on learning & demos, questions & answers and fossil identification. Mini-workshops on how plants & animals fossilize and the chance to create a make & take craft.

#### **Turkey Trot - 25th Anniversary! (thundercloud.com)**

Thanksgiving morning - November 24; Long Center; Kids K 8:15 am; Timed 5 mile 9 am; Untimed 5 mile 9:10am; 1 mile walk/run 9:20 am

Registration fees vary with type of run and date you register.  
5 mile run/walk around downtown Austin on Thanksgiving morning - an awesome Thanksgiving tradition!



# FINDING BALANCE ONE ROOM AT A TIME

*Taking a Systematic Approach To De-Cluttering & Organizing Your Home This Fall*

Now that the kids are back in school and the hotter days of summer are over, it is a good time to focus on your home. While it may seem like a daunting task, an easy place to start is fall cleaning, the counterpart to spring cleaning. This includes both de-cluttering & organizing.

De-cluttering-Before you begin, have the right mindset and tools in place. I always find it helpful to have 5 labeled containers ready to go. The labels should read 1) Use 2) Store 3) Donate 4) Sell and 5) Trash. As you move from room to room or closet to closet think about the cooler temperatures and pull out those items that will come in handy like winter clothing and bed linens. Also, you might want to take out spring and summer colors in your décor and place those things in your “store” bin. The benefit to taking this systematic approach is that it can be much easier to make decisions on items when you only have the 5 choices right in front of you as well as a place to put items rather than on the floor in several piles. Using the right types of containers is also helpful-plastic bins for use and

store, cardboard boxes for donate and sell and trash bags for trash. That way, no more thought goes into how it gets to the right place, it’s all ready to go.

Organizing-After cleaning out unnecessary items, it’s time to organize the things you want to keep. I love to containerize my things. What containers you use depend on what it is for; jewelry, make-up, seasonal clothes, purses, books, magazines, toys, etc. All types are available at a variety of stores. The key is to determine what you want to place in bins and make a list of what size, shape and material you need before you head out to shop for the containers. A place for everything and everything in its place is a smart motto.

From here, you will have a clean slate and can create a warm and inviting home this fall for you to enjoy with family and friends and be ready for all of the upcoming holidays.

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