

MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

Annual Meridian HOA 2016 Meeting Summary

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

Thank you Meridian Neighbors for your great turn out in-person or via proxy vote for our annual HOA meeting. As you may have been aware, we needed 200 in-person or proxy votes in order to call the meeting to order, per the Meridian HOA bylaws. Due to your great response, we were able to successfully hold the annual meeting on January 17, 2017 at Baldwin Elementary. For those of you that were unable to attend, here are the highlights:

Financial Report

Karen Vaughn reviewed the financials provided to the group. The different types of bank accounts were reviewed. Expenses to date as well as funds not used from the 2016 budget were discussed. It was noted when the developer turns the community over to the HOA, all available funds will be reviewed and a reserve study can be conducted.

Development Status Update

There are 10 Developer lots yet to be sold. The Developer has stated when the last lot is sold, the community will be turned over to the HOA. There is no specific date this will happen due to the lots being sales driven. They are moving, as two months ago there were 12 lots yet to be sold. As this transition approaches, the Advisory Board members will be encouraged to become Board Members. There will be five Board Members.

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ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING

BALDWIN ELEMENTARY
— PRESENTS —



Baldwin Bash "A Night in OZ"

**Friday, April 21, 2017
at a new venue, Ranch Austin**

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

Join us for an "adults only" event complete with dinner, dancing, silent auction, and introducing our first live auction! Baldwin Bash will support our numerous PTA efforts to improve the quality of education for our students. Single tickets are available for \$30. Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$100 and \$500. Don't forget raffle tickets-- need not be present to win!

New this year:

Introducing drink tickets! (wine, beer, and specialty cocktails)

Visit www.auctria.com/auction/BALDWINBASH or www.baldwinpta.org to purchase tickets.

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THE MONITOR

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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 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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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
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Committee Reports

Social Committee

2017 event planning is underway and the committee has a \$6,000 budget. All events are posted on "NextDoor" and the Meridian marquee. Events include: Food Truck Nights, Movie Nights, Kids' Spring Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade, Cookies, Middle and High Schoolers' events, Caroling and Hot Chocolate + Holiday Lights contest.

Neighborhood Watch

To have a successful Neighborhood Watch program, more volunteer involvement is needed. Only a few sections of the neighborhood are represented in the Community. The team of volunteers meets every 1st Thursday at 7 p.m. at the pavilion. All residents are encouraged to attend meetings.

Safety prevention tips shared:

- Get to know their immediate next door neighbors and obtain their contact information.
- Notify each other of any suspicious activity.
- Keep porch lights on all night.
- Residents can put their contact profile on "Next Door"

or the Facebook page so they may be notified of suspicious activity

Election to the Board (1 Open Position)

By a majority vote, Christian Lieneck was nominated to the Board. Election to the Advisory Committee (5 positions open)

The following residents were nominated to the Committee by majority vote: Dawn Bowes, Vito DelGato, Vince Heinz, Jacquelyn Waldrop and Jason Verette

Old Business

- Traffic/Parking issues were discussed as well as Neighborhood Crime and prevention.
- Fireworks are not legal in the community and are a fire hazard. Pets, Military Vets and Kids can be easily frightened, so not only is it illegal, but please be courteous of your neighbors.
- Electricity has been installed at the Meridian entry, enabling the lighting of the flag pole and the marquee sign.

New Business

Google fiber phone number for residents to contact for irrigation or landscape damage to their property: 1-866-777-7550 or 1-877-454-6959.

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Brownie Girl Scouts Support Austin Humane Society

Submitted by: Amy Kupfer, Troop 1924 Leader

Brownie Troop 1924, consisting of 2nd graders at Baldwin Elementary, were looking for a way to give back to the Austin pet population to earn their Brownie Girl Scout Pet Badge. Last month, they visited the Austin Humane Society. While there, they cuddled, brushed, played and read stories to the cats and dogs housed there. They were even introduced to a mama cat and her new kittens. In addition, they took a tour of the shelter and learned all about the adoption process. Shelter personnel walked the girls through every step of the way once an animal is brought in for care. They visited the surgical suite and learned about the importance of spay and neutering pets to prevent the overpopulation of pets. In exchange for the fun and learning, the girls purchased and delivered items on the Humane Society's wish list including gift cards, puppy pads, scoopers, dog and cat food, beds, and more. The girls had a great experience!



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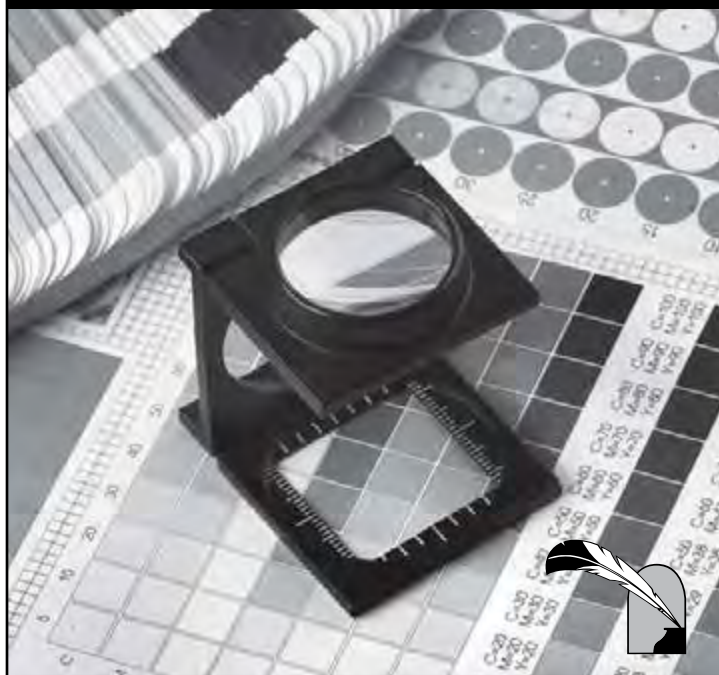
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Wrapping Up the Girl Scout Cookie Season

Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor-AustinRealEstate.com & GSCTX volunteer

Thank you, Meridian for your purchases during the 2017 Girl Scout Cookie Season!

Our neighborhood Girl Scouts couldn't have had their incredible success without you!

The new Girl Scout S'mores™ Cookie, created in honor of the Girl Scouts 100th Birthday, was a smash hit. These scrumptious delectables were back ordered for the first half of the selling season, orders coming in at 1000% higher than projected, so thanks also for your patience in delivering these goodies.

Even better, your purchases helped a future girl leader develop important life lessons and skills, from presentation skills, financial literacy, and goal setting. Money earned from cookie sales will support Girl Scout programs, send girls to camp, support service projects, all with a little dose of good fun.



Meridian HOA 2017 Board Member and Advisory Board Committee

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor-AustinRealEstate.com

Resident Meridian HOA Board Member: Christian Lieneck
Advisory Committee: Dawn Bowes, Vito DelGato, Vince Heinz, Jacquelyn Waldrop and Jason Verette

Baldwin Campus Beautification

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor-AustinRealEstate.com

The Baldwin Beautification and Campus Improvement Committee has met with several AISD personnel to discuss next steps for our campus grounds! We have met with AISD's Forestry person and AISD's outdoor learning specialist. Over the next few month (weekends only) you will start to see some changes on our campus grounds.

One of the things that we've heard repeatedly, is "how lucky" we are to have so much natural, beautiful green space at our school! I know a lot of us see this as a negative, but believe me, it is a HUGE positive and creates an opportunity to teach our children about nature.

YES, we will be cleaning up the green spaces, and YES, we will provide protection for our children from potential harm, and YES we will continue to improve the playgrounds, and YES we will continue to educate ourselves and our children about the natural beauty that surrounds our school. **Contact us: Programs@BaldwinPTA.org**



Record PTA Membership at Baldwin

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor-AustinRealEstate.com

The Baldwin PTA now has 400 members! We are so grateful to have such involved parents, teachers and community members. This Spring the PTA membership will be voting on board members and the budget for the 2017-2018 school year. All parents and community members are eligible for membership. You don't have to have a student at Baldwin to join. Not a member yet? Signing up is easy and affordable. A single membership is just \$8.50, but join as a family and you receive a discounted rate of \$15. Membership dues include State and National PTA membership. Join us today by signing up: <http://www.baldwinpta.org/pta-signup.php>

Baldwin PTA Simply Giving Program

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor-AustinRealEstate.com

The Baldwin PTA created the "Simply Giving" program as a way for parents, teachers and community members to support Baldwin with an easy one-time or recurring credit-card payment. You can support Baldwin, earn points from your credit card company, and get a tax contribution credit all at the same time. The Simply Giving program replaced Love Your School for the 2016-2017 year, a favorite no-hassle fundraiser of Baldwin parents. But, the easy "Love Your School" no-hassle fundraiser will be back for the 2017-18 school year!



SCHOOL NEWS



Do you have a student at Gorzycki Middle School, Bowie High School or other area school? Your neighbors want to hear about all the neat things going on at your campus. Submit your good news, team schedules, theater performance dates or other amazing updates on your students to Jacquelyn Waldrop @ J.Waldrop@AustinRealEstate.com and see it printed in this publication.

Daylight Saving Time

Spring has already sprung upon us, and this year's March equinox falls on March 20, 2017. Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of setting the clocks forward one hour started by Benjamin Franklin as a means conserve energy. The practice was likely perpetuated by golfers wanting to play after work and before the sun went down. Whatever the reason for its continuation, daylight saving time will start Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2:00 a.m. You can use the change in time twice to remind you to check the batteries in your smoke alarm.



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