

# MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

## Meridian Neighborhood Watch Needs You!



*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop*

The Meridian Neighborhood Watch group needs more resident volunteers to be effective. Meetings are held the first week of the month at the Meridian Pavilion at 7pm. Please join us on Thursday, May 4th to see how you can serve. With the warmer weather, comes additional opportunity for thieves and mischief. A few reminders on how you can be vigilant and to help prevent crime in your little corner of the neighborhood:

1. Lock your car doors and keep valuables and garage door openers out of sight.
2. Keep porch lights on all night long.
3. Get to know your surrounding neighbors and watch out for each other.
4. Notify officials of suspicious activity.

## Meridian Neighborhood Garage Sale

*Saturday morning, April 8th @ 8am*

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop*

Clean out those cabinets and closets and upcycle those items you've tucked away that are just taking up space! Meridian hosts two neighborhood garage sales per year. The first in April and the second in October.

Updates posted on "NextDoor" and the Meridian Social Buzz Facebook page.



## Crime Prevention Tip

*From: Officer Joshua Visi, from the Austin Police Department*

I wanted to share some valuable information from one of my patrol counterparts. During the 2nd weekend of March, Patrol responded to burglary of a vehicle call in a southwest Austin neighborhood, where the victim's vehicle was broken into and a gun was stolen. The good news is that Patrol arrested three suspects and recovered the stolen gun. The bad news is patrol officers observed "DOZENS" of vehicles that were unsecured and/or had "perceived" valuables in plain sight. Items ranged from unopened mail packages, backpacks, and other bags that appeared to be full of items. Remember property crime is largely preventable if you remove the "opportunity". Please help us reduce crime and keep your neighborhoods safe by doing your part.



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By Jacquelyn Waldrop

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## Important Info for Baldwin Fall 2017 Kindergarten Students

By Jacquelyn Waldrop

### Kindergarten Round-up Orientation at Baldwin

Thursday, April 4th from 8am-noon



There is traditionally a short welcome message to students and parents at 8:15am from a school administrator 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.

Summer Playdates-Dates are TBD

Meet and mingle with future Bobcat cubs and parents at our summer playdates. Stay tuned for more details to come. There is traditionally an early evening playdate in June and mid-morning playdates scheduled for July and August, including Story Time in the Baldwin Library and a Cafeteria Picnic in August to help our Baby Bobcats get acclimated with the building.

Kindergarten Kick-Off Celebration-Saturday, August 18 from 9:30-11am

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

Please contact Jacquelyn Waldrop at [J.Waldrop@AustinRealEstate.com](mailto:J.Waldrop@AustinRealEstate.com) / 512-923-3099 with any questions.

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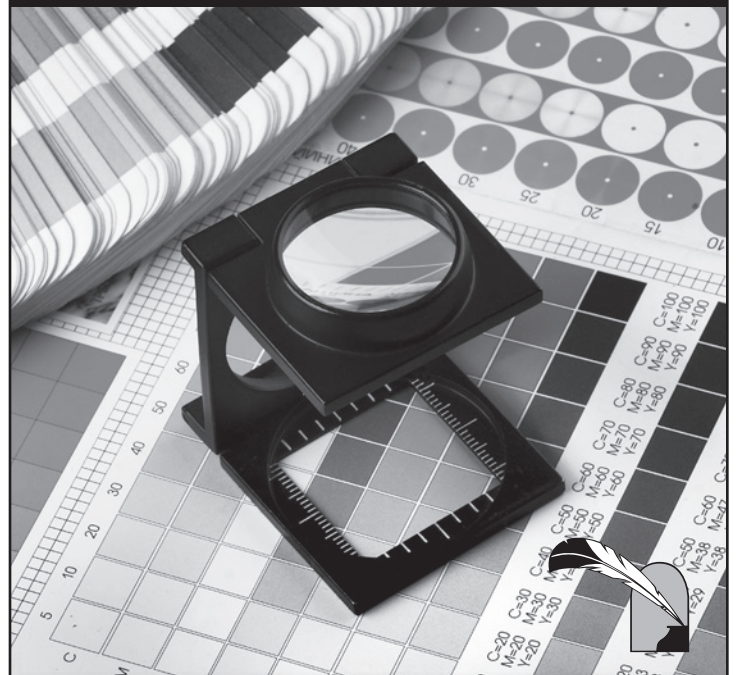
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## Baldwin Campus Beautification

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop*



The Baldwin Beautification and Campus Improvement Committee has been hard at work to clean out beds and green spaces. Galvanized troughs filled with pea gravel have been added to the small playground to give students a place to

dig, explore and “treasure hunt.” And, a special beautification effort has been paid to the beds at Espina and Alopia crosswalk area.

Coming soon, look for a new game back stop structure out on the large playfield to help keep balls on the field and out of the wooded area.

Want to help get in on the action? We'd love additional support! Contact us: [Programs@BaldwinPTA.org](mailto:Programs@BaldwinPTA.org)

## Baldwin PTA Seeking Enthusiastic Parent Volunteers

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop*

Do you have ideas for what the Baldwin PTA can do next year? Want to be involved first hand? Baldwin PTA needs enthusiastic parents to continue to make our school a success! The PTA nominating committee is seeking nominations for parents to serve on the PTA Board for the 2017-2018 school year (self-nominations preferred, but you may nominate someone else).

A description of PTA Board positions can be found in our by-laws on page 3 & 4:

[http://baldwinpta.org/files/resources/Baldwin\\_PTA\\_Bylaws\\_2016](http://baldwinpta.org/files/resources/Baldwin_PTA_Bylaws_2016)

Nomination forms are due by Thursday April 7. Soft copy submissions may be emailed to [stacietracy@icloud.com](mailto:stacietracy@icloud.com). Hard copies may be left in the PTA inbox located in Baldwin's Front Office. The five person Nominating Committee will review applications and present a slate of officers to PTA members at the April 25 General PTA meeting. PTA members also may nominate from the floor during the April 25 meeting.

For specific questions about positions or the nomination process please contact Stacie Tracy ([stacietracy@icloud.com](mailto:stacietracy@icloud.com)).

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## Baldwin Watch D.O.G.S. Dads & Doughnuts Appreciation Party

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop



Mark your calendar for the "Dads and Doughnuts" Thank You Party for all volunteer D.O.G.S. and their students on April 6, at 7:15am in the Baldwin Library. Sign up to be part of the Watch D.O.G.S today to get your exclusive invitation to this event for you and your Baldwin Bobcat student!

The response to the program has been outstanding from Dads, their students and Baldwin faculty and staff. You can make a difference too. There's still plenty of space on the calendar to serve as a Watch D.O.G in April and May. For more information on the program visit [www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/](http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/) or contact Top D.O.G. David Mass @ [dmassimo10@gmail.com](mailto:dmassimo10@gmail.com) to get involved in Baldwin's program.

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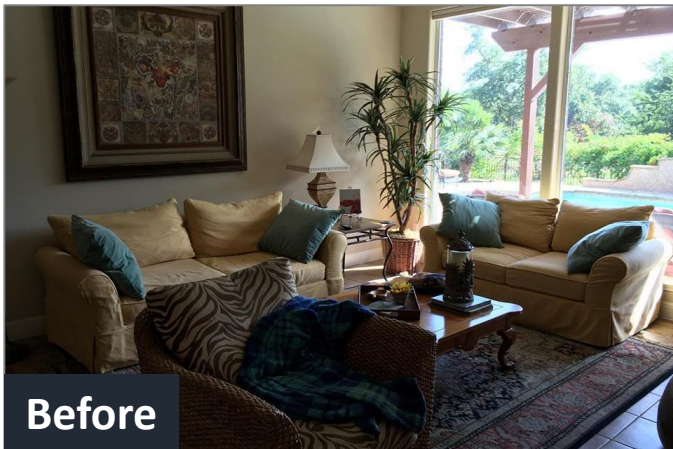
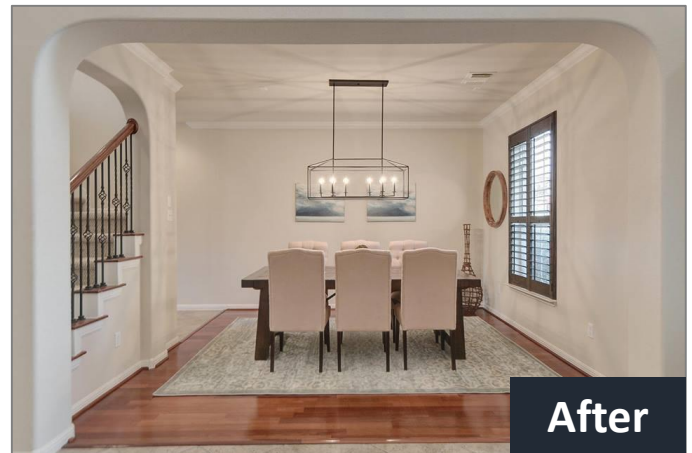
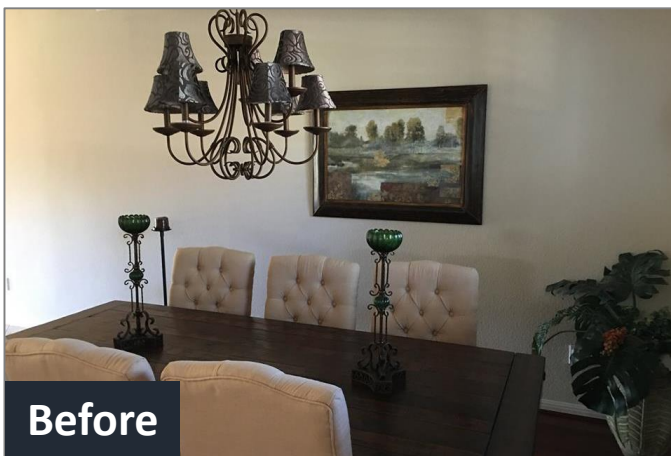


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