

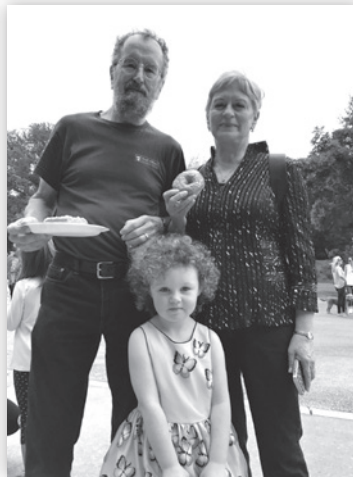
# MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

## Meridian Spring Celebration: EggStavaganza

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop*

Thanks to the Meridian Social Committee and other neighborhood volunteers for your help in organizing the annual Meridian Egg Hunt for our neighborhood bunnies, on Saturday, April 15. A great time was had by young and old, as the little ones hunted for eggs by age group, while their parents enjoyed coffee, donuts. If you missed it, be sure to join us next year for this annual event.



## *The Meridian Social Committee and Hello Nabr invite you to enjoy* **Meridian Food Truck & Outdoor Movie Night**

*Saturday, May 6th @ 5:30pm  
Meridian Pavilion*

Bring your family and meet your Meridian neighbors at the Pavilion for a fun-filled evening of live music from the Electron Donors and selections from local food trailers.

The Kids Zone will include interactive games, bubbles, chalk, and a kids-only dance party and the kid-friendly movie starts at dusk in the grassy area next to the pavilion. Food trucks scheduled for the event include: Burro Cheese ~ DFG Noodles ~ Good Times Ice Cream ~ Heretic Handheld ~ Lone Star Kettle Corn



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## Update from the Meridian HOA Advisory Board

The Meridian Advisory Board members met on March 30th to discuss neighborhood business. Those in attendance were: Karen Vaughn (Goodwin Mgmt), Dawn Bowes, Jason Verette, Vito DelGatto, Jacquelyn Waldrop, and Cristian Lieneck (Meridian Resident Board Member). Items of discussion included:

**Lots Remaining:** There are 3 lots remaining to be sold and then the HOA will be officially turned-over to the homeowners.

**Fencing:** Resident wooden fences are maturing and weakening. They are now more easily damaged due to recent storms. Please note that the HOA is not in responsible for fence disputes between neighbors, but requirements are outlined in the Bylaws as to how fences should be maintained and replaced if necessary.

**Community Pool:** The pool officially opened to swimmers on April 7th. The pool cleaning/filter service will be maintained 4x/week through the end of the summer pool season. If you need a pool key card, visit: [www.goodwintx.com](http://www.goodwintx.com), select "Meridian HOA" from the Community drop-down menu, log-in and request your key. Each household receives one key card. Replacement key cards can be purchased for \$25 each.

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## Whooo Whooo Saw an Owl Last Night?

*Written and Submitted by Clara Mirkin, 3rd grader*



Many of us have seen owls in our neighborhood including me...

I was eating breakfast and I heard a Whooooo Whooo. Whooo said that? I thought, it was really weird. But then my mom said "Do you hear that owl?" "Yes!" I replied. We both looked out the window, and on top of our neighbor's house was a black silhouette of an owl with two tufts on top of its head, resembling horns. After that morning we kept seeing owls.

In this part of Texas, it could be the Barn Owl, Screech Owl, Barred Owl, or Great Horned Owl. The Audubon Society website has recordings of owl calls. After listening to the recordings, we think our neighborhood owl is a Great Horned Owl, especially since it looked like it had horns.

I wonder why owls like our neighborhood? It turns out owls eat some small pest including insects, small mammals and other

birds. This is good for our neighborhood. Owls show that our neighborhood has a good ecosystem. An ecosystem is a biological community of interacting plants, animals and other organisms.

### Some more facts about owls are:

- there are about 200 species of owls
- most owls are nocturnal so they are active at night
- some owls are crepuscular so they are active during dawn and dusk
- crepuscular owls have usually have yellow eyes
- a group of owls is called a parliament
- some owls eat fish
- owls have powerful talons that help them catch and kill prey.

If you would like to see an owl in person, there is one nesting at Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center. She is a Great Horned Owl, named Athena.

I can't wait to see the owls again!

### Does your child like to write?

Does your student love to write? The "Whoo Whoo Saw an Owl" article was written by Clara Mirkin, a 3rd grader who lives right here in Meridian. If your student loves to write and would like to submit an article, poem or short story to share, we'd love to have it and share it here! Send submissions to: [J.Waldrop@AustinRealEstate.com](mailto:J.Waldrop@AustinRealEstate.com)

### Baldwin Campus Beautification

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



The Baldwin Beautification and Campus Improvement Committee has been hard at work to clean out beds and green spaces. This month, the focus has been on cleaning out the green spaces at the corner of Espina and Meridian Park Blvd. Take a look at the trailer bed full of trimmings that came from this small corner of the school property.



In addition, new game back stop structure has been constructed on the large playfield to help keep balls on the field and out of the wooded areas. Thank you, Baldwin PTA for this wonderful gift to help make our outdoor spaces more enjoyable!



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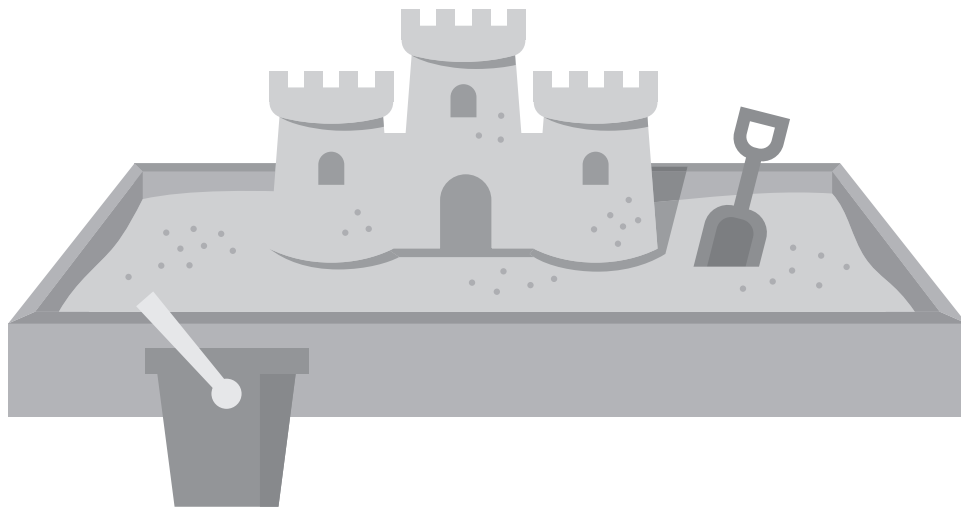
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**Pavilion Dumpster:** There has been illegal dumping of trash in this dumpster. The illegally dumped trash has been recorded and photographed by other residents and reported to Goodwin Mgt. Future fines will be distributed based upon trash being dumped.

**Neighborhood Security Patrol:** With the nicer weather and the opening of the pool, the neighborhood now has a security patrol officer that will monitoring the neighborhood from mid-afternoon into the night. Duties will include monitoring of the pool and pavilion after hours and patrolling streets in an effort to ward off mischief and keep our neighborhood more safe.

**HOA Compliance Officer:** This is a contracted service – the compliance patrol drives through our neighborhood once every 2 weeks (often after the 1st & 15th of the month) looking for violations in the neighborhood. In an attempt to be proactive, these dates are being distributed to community members beforehand.

**Future Committees:** The advisory board will be recruiting for future committee members to provide feedback regarding: pool, social, budget, neighborhood watch, and the ACC (architecture control) committees. If you would like to get involved and be an active member of one of these committees, please contact Karen. Vaughn@goodwintx.com. Committee membership often takes 1-2 hours, per month and no more.

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## Watch D.O.G.S. Doughnuts with Dad

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop*



organization. The event doubled as a recruiting event for new volunteers and a thank you to those who have volunteered for at least one day of service in the school this year.

The first annual Watch D.O.G.S. Donuts with Dad event at Baldwin was held on the morning April 6th in the Baldwin Library. Watch D.O.G. volunteers and their students gathered to celebrate the success of this new mentor program at Baldwin and enjoyed donuts and drinks provided by the

With more than 200 Watch D.O.G.S and their students in attendance, the morning began with a brief overview of the program and a BIG "thank you" to current Watch D.O.G.S. Donuts of every variety, coffee and orange juice was shared by all, and Dads took the opportunity to sign up for their day of service to our school as a Watch D.O.G. There are still a few spaces left on this year's school calendar, so we are looking for more great Watch D.O.G. Dads!

Want to know more? Watch D.O.G.S. is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering. For more information on the program visit [www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/](http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/) or contact Baldwin's Top D.O.G. David Mass, the program Chairman @ [dmassimo10@gmail.com](mailto:dmassimo10@gmail.com) to get involved in Baldwin's program.



## Incoming Kindergarten/Fall 2017 Summer Playdates

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Kinder Kick-off Chair*

Meet and mingle with future Bobcat cubs and parents at our summer playdates.

**Wednesday, August 9th from 10:30am-12pm**  
**Bobcats in the Building**

- Story Time in the Baldwin Library from 10:30-11am
- Cafeteria Picnic from 11am-12pm  
(no food will be served, BYOL ~ Bring Your Own Lunch)

This is a special day when our building will be open to Kinder Baby Bobcats and their parents to help get our Baby Bobcats acclimated with the building.

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

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!

Get up-to-date playdate info, class reminders and more on our Kinder Family-only page: [facebook.com/groups/BabyBobcatsKinder2017/](https://facebook.com/groups/BabyBobcatsKinder2017/)

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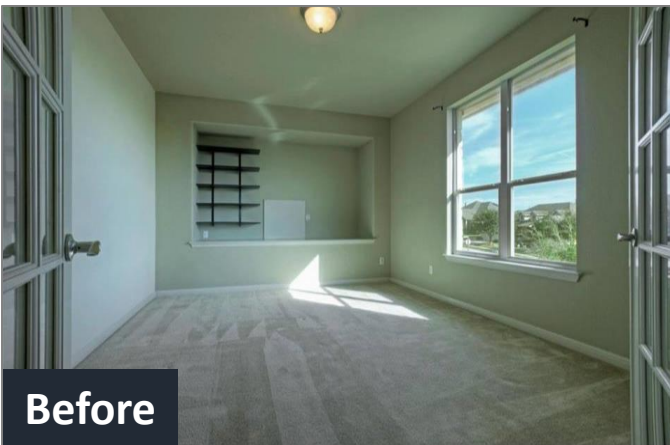
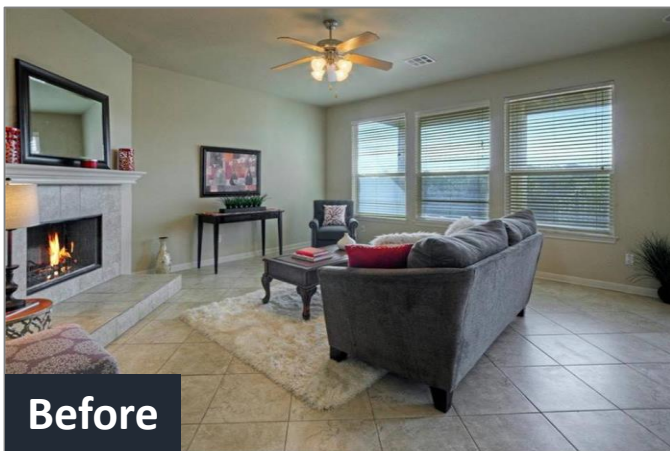


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