

# The Gazette

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## Movie Night in the Park

Join Austin Parks Foundation for a FREE showing of The Mighty Ducks at Dick Nichols Park on July 13th. Movie starts at 9 PM, but come early to snag a good spot and grab some food from one of our vendors: Mighty Cone, East Side Kings, and Casey's New Orleans Snowballs.



## MAHJONG, ANYONE?

Similar to the Western card game rummy, Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation and involves a degree of chance. The game is played with a set of 144 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols. If any neighbors are interested in learning to play mahjong, there are other neighbors interested in playing. Email: [villagegazette@peelinc.com](mailto:villagegazette@peelinc.com) and we will connect you!



## Dementia Caregiver Support Group

A Southwest Austin Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets at All Saints Presbyterian Church, 7808 Rialto Blvd., 78735, twice a month. Come enjoy fellowship with fellow caregivers and share insights and strategies for caregivers and people living with memory loss. Please share this invitation with those whom you think might be interested/benefitted. Our normal 1st Tuesday meeting in July will not be held due to the

4th celebration. We will meet again on the 3rd Tuesday, July 18th at 2 p.m., at the same location. We'll discuss a new online training program offered for caregivers through Johns Hopkins, among other news. We look forward to seeing you.



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## TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

## Tick Control in the Yard



This article covers what to do about ticks in your yard. I didn't want to make it too long, so I decided to just link to sources giving information on how to treat pets or yourself/family.

Ticks are arachnids with two body regions, eight legs (except the first stage out of the egg has

only six legs and is called a seed tick), and no antennae. Ticks come in a variety of sizes depending upon if they are nymphs or adult, male or female, engorged or not. Ticks require a blood meal before molting to the next stage of their development as well as adult females requiring a blood meal before laying eggs.

Since ticks can feed on multiple hosts during their lifetime, including humans and other animals, they are capable of transmitting disease organisms through their bite. For more information on diseases transmitted by ticks see this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html>

Ticks wait hosts by climbing up vertical surfaces such as vegetation, fences or shrubbery. When a host brushes past, ticks grab on and locate a suitable spot for feeding. To reduce ticks in your yard you can try some or all of the following:

- Keep grass mowed
- Clear brush, weeds, or overgrown areas
- Discourage wildlife
- Remove debris from the yard
- Treat yard with insecticide making sure to go up surfaces as ticks will climb upwards to grab onto a passing host
- Treat pets

For information on how to deal with ticks on your pet(s) see this source: [https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\\_pets.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_pets.html)

For how to avoid getting, properly inspecting for, or removing ticks from yourself or family members see this source:

[https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\\_people.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_people.html)

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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## SWING Networking Group

Promote your business with local independent business owners. SWING (South west Austin Inclusive Networking Group) has been meeting every Thursday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM at the Waterloo Ice House on Escarpment for 8 years.

We have no dues, no initiation fees, we don't take attendance. Just pay for your own breakfast. The more often you show up the better we get to know you. We are an inclusive group, we will enjoy competition. So, bring your business cards and a good attitude and let's get to know you.

If you want more information, contact Liz Jensen at 512-301-6966 or [lizleej@gmail.com](mailto:lizleej@gmail.com) or Peter Berardino (The King of SWING) at 512-695-2334 or [peterberardino@gmail.com](mailto:peterberardino@gmail.com).

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# CARRYING HOPE

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**HAVE A BIG HEART AND A LITTLE EXTRA TIME AND MONEY?**  
**YOU CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S MOMENT OF CRISIS!**

**WHY:**

More than 17,000 children are removed from their homes by CPS in the state of Texas every year. When children are placed in a foster home, they frequently arrive with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing. If they have been allowed to bring any personal belongings, they have been hastily stuffed into a trash bag. Carrying Hope, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, thinks these kids deserve better.

**HOW IT WORKS:**

Go to [carryinghope.com](http://carryinghope.com), click "Make a Hope Pack," select the age and gender of a child you would like to help and go shopping to create a Hope Pack — a backpack stuffed with new items geared to help meet the needs of a foster child during their first 48 hours in a new home. Hope Packs contain everything from essentials (diapers and pajamas) to comfort items (stuffed animals and story books) designed to provide immediate comfort for an overwhelmed, frightened child while allowing foster parents to spend those first crucial hours bonding rather than rushing to the store. Each Hope Pack always belongs to the child, even if he or she is later placed in another home.

**WHO CAN HELP:**

Everyone — especially kids! Carrying Hope welcomes and encourages kids to be part of the entire volunteer process. After all, no one is a better expert at picking out things for kids than other kids!

**ADDITIONAL INFO:**

Drop off your completed Hope Pack and stick around as long as you can for some family-friendly fun and to learn about additional ways to help foster children in the area.

**Find out more: [www.carryinghope.com](http://www.carryinghope.com)**

## Fourth of July Safety Tips



For many people, nothing beats lounging in the backyard on the Fourth of July with good friends and family—including furry friends. While it may seem like a great idea to reward your pet with scraps from the grill and bring him along to watch fireworks, in reality some festive foods and activities can be potentially hazardous to him. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center offers the following tips:

- Never leave alcoholic drinks unattended where pets can reach them. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets. If ingested, the animal could become very intoxicated and weak, severely depressed or could go into a coma. Death from respiratory failure is also a possibility in severe cases.
- Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals. Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.
- Always keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pets'

reach. Certain types of matches contain chlorates, which could potentially damage blood cells and result in difficulty breathing—or even kidney disease in severe cases. Lighter fluid can be irritating to skin, and if ingested can produce gastrointestinal irritation and central nervous system depression. If lighter fluid is inhaled, aspiration pneumonia and breathing problems could develop.

- Keep your pets on their normal diet. Any change, even for one meal, can give your pet severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals who have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements. And keep in mind that foods such as onions, chocolate, coffee, avocado, grapes, raisins, salt and yeast dough can all be potentially toxic to companion animals.

- Do not put glow jewelry on your pets, or allow them to play with it. While the luminescent substance contained in these products is not highly toxic, excessive drooling and gastrointestinal irritation could still result from ingestions, and intestinal blockage could occur from swallowing large pieces of the plastic containers.

- Keep citronella candles, insect coils and tiki torch oil products out of reach. Ingestion can produce stomach irritation and possibly even central nervous system depression. If inhaled, the oils

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could cause aspiration pneumonia in pets.

- Never use fireworks around pets! While exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and paws of curious pets, even unused fireworks can pose a danger. Many types contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic and other heavy metals.

- Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets, who can become frightened or disoriented by the sound. Please resist the urge to take them to Independence Day festivities, and opt instead to keep them safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area at home.

- Be prepared in the event that your pet does escape by downloading the ASPCA Mobile App. You'll receive a personalized missing pet recovery kit, including step-by-step instructions on how to search for a lost animal in a variety of circumstances. And keep your pets' IDs up to date! It's a good idea for all your animal companions—even indoor-only pets—to always wear a collar with an ID tag that includes your name, current phone number and any relevant contact information. July 1 is National ID Your Pet Day, which serves as an annual check-in to make sure your pets' identification tags and microchip information is up to date.

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