

THE LADERA Bulletin

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE BULLETIN

*A Newsletter
for the Residents of
Ladera*

The Bulletin is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Ladera residents. Each newsletter will be 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 team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/ honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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School Starts August 16th in Lake Travis Independent School District

Watch out for the kiddos waiting for buses when school is back in session. Penalties for drivers who illegally pass school buses in Texas will cost the driver \$1250 for the first offense. A second offense will mean license suspension. And unlike other moving violations, you can't remove the points from your driving record by taking a defensive driving course.

"As the new school year opens, I urge drivers to do their part in keeping youngsters safe by obeying school zone speed limits and stopping for school buses," said the DPS director in announcing the change. "DPS will not tolerate individuals who disregard the law and illegally pass stopped school buses."

Texas School Bus Law

- Stop for flashing red lights on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed.
- Continue your trip once the bus has moved, the flashing lights stop flashing or the bus driver signals it's okay to pass.

Safety Tips for Motorists

- Obey the posted speed limit.
- Fines double in school zones.
- Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.
- Watch for children who might dart across the street to catch the bus.

Tips for Students

Respect your school bus driver and follow these rules:

- Stand far back when you are waiting for the bus.
- Sit still so the driver can pay attention to the road.
- Look both ways if you must cross the street after getting off the bus, or wait for the driver to signal it's safe to cross the street.

Welcome Newcomers to Ladera

If you have recently moved to Ladera, welcome. We have a great community here and everyone is willing and eager to help you get settled in.

If you do not know who to contact for various things, please email satalamo@yahoo.com to get pointed in the right direction.

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Administration Office.....	512-266-2533
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Lake Travis High School.....	512-533-6100
Lake Travis Middle School.....	512-533-6200
Lake Travis Elementary.....	512-533-6300
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Bee Cave Library	512-767-6620
Municipal Court	512-767-6630
Lake Travis Postal Office.....	512-263-2458
Lakeway Regional Medical Center.....	512-571-5000
City of Bee Cave	www.beecavetexas.com

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Travis County Sheriff.....www.tcsheeriff.org
Animal Control.....www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/animal-control

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August Lawn To Do List

- Not a great time to plant. If you must, shade newcomers and water daily if soil is dry.
- Dead head flowering plants
- Late August to early September: lightly prune perennials and roses to encourage fall blooming

Fertilize

- Foliar feed flowers and vegetables with liquid seaweed
- Container annuals
- Citrus with high nitrogen fertilizer like Citrus-tone. Fertilize every few weeks through growing season.

Great resource: www.klru.org/ctg/resources

Reminder - Stage 2 Water Restrictions

On 7/1/17: MANDATORY Watering Guidelines went into effect.

Watering Days:

Odd Numbered Addresses: Wednesdays and Saturdays

Even Numbered Addresses: Thursdays and Sundays

Watering Hours: 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight

Fun Facts About Mexican Free-Tail Bats

- These bats may have a life span of up to 18 years.
- Their weight is between 0.4-0.5 ounces and their wingspan is between 12-14 inches.
- The densest concentrations of free-tailed bats are found living in Bracken Cave near San Antonio, Texas. Their colonies can number over 20,000,000.
- In Austin, Texas, a colony of Mexican free-tailed bats summers (they winter in Mexico) under the Congress Avenue Bridge ten blocks south of the Texas State Capitol. It is the largest urban colony in North America, with an estimated 1,500,000 bats.
- Bee Cave has a small colony living under the bridge at Central Park off Bee Cave Parkway.
- Mexican free-tailed bats are the "jets" of the bat world. They are very fast flyers.



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Coyotes in Ladera

Yes, there are coyotes in Ladera. Since we are so close to the preserve and protected areas, they do hunt in our area. Coyotes are typically most active at dawn and dusk, though may be seen hunting or traveling during daytime hours, and use a variety of vocalizations to communicate. Coyotes range in size from about 25 – 40 pounds, though they may be mistaken as larger because of their thick coat. Coyotes are naturally wary of humans, but living and finding easy food sources near humans with few negative consequences can cause coyotes to become bolder and create potentially unsafe situations.

What to Do Around Your Home and Neighborhood

- Keep wildlife wild – don't feed them!
- Do not feed pets outside or leave pet food outside
- Check your property for and eliminate potential sources of food and water
 - Clean up bird seed on the ground
 - Keep barbecue grills clean
 - Tightly cover and secure garbage cans and compost bins
 - Clean up under fruit and nut trees
 - Eliminate artificial water sources
- Trim brush and shrubbery near ground level
- Make sure fences are secure and close off crawl spaces under porches, decks and sheds

- Keep small pets inside if possible and monitor them when outside
- Always follow leash laws and walk dogs on leashes 6' or less in length
- Be aware of possible coyote den sites when in parks or other natural areas. Coyotes are protective of pups and may view people or dogs (even larger dogs) as interlopers. Coyotes den, mate and birth pups generally from January to June and are most territorial then.

Ladera Ladies Happy Hour

The ladies from Ladera are invited to happy hour from 5pm-7pm the first Wednesday of each month at the rooftop bar at the Sonesta Hotel. This is a great way to meet new people and catch up on what is happening in and around the neighborhood. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Parker at charlotte.parker@ymail.com.



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RETIRE BETTER CHECK THOSE EGGS



We all know not to have all our investment eggs in the same basket. But what if you use a bunch of baskets and end up with the same result as having everything in one?

Even if you are perfectly comfortable with the risk of the markets, it is smart money management to not have all of your money in investments that move in the same direction. Stocks, stock funds, ETFs, variable annuities, and even bond funds all tend to move together (they are correlated). This can be hazardous to your financial health.

There are many alternative investments available today that are not directly tied to the public stock market. Historically, these investments have been used by large institutions and endowments to offset the volatility of the stock market while still achieving decent growth over time.

By taking a page out of the wealthy investors playbook (e.g. the Tiger 21 Group or the Yale and Harvard college endowments) you should include investments that are generally unaffected by the mood swings of the markets

such as nontraded real estate investments, private equity, venture capital, commodities, hedge funds, oil and gas, secured floating income, and principal protected fixed and indexed annuities.

Through a proper allocation across non-market correlated asset classes, it is possible to balance out your current investment portfolio without giving up the potential for long term growth. While we all want the market to continue reaching new peaks, we still have to plan appropriately for the periods of time the markets choose to go through the valley.

If you would like further information on this topic or to receive a copy of our report on retirement investment planning, please send your requests to the email below. As always, we are here to answer your pressing questions and concerns regarding retirement investment planning.

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Dog Days of Summer

Contrary to common conjecture, the dog days do not take their peculiar name from weather that “isn’t fit for a dog,” or heat that is so extreme it drives dogs mad. In Texas, usually August and September.

The dog days, in the most technical sense, refer to the one- to two-month interval in which a particularly bright star rises and sets with the sun, shining during the daylight hours and staying hidden at night. This star is known by three names: Sirius, the Dog Star, and Alpha Canis Majoris. Apart from being the most prominent star in the constellation Canis Major (Latin for “Greater Dog”), this heavenly body is responsible for the origin of the expression dog days, a phrase that has endured through millennia.

Humans have been griping about the weather as far back as written history reaches, and the dog days were an important time for all. The Ancient Greeks and Romans had grim feelings for Sirius, associating it with an outbreak of insufferable heat and fever. Civilization has long credited the objects in the sky with influence over the earth and its inhabitants; if it’s not the Dog Star cursing you with sultry summer heat and madness it’s the moon driving you to lunacy. It seems you can’t win when it comes to the celestial bodies



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Max:	4	4.5	3,747	\$216.93	\$545,000
Avg:	4	2	2,432	\$195.20	\$454,138
Med:	4	2	2,341	\$207.41	\$433,250

