

MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

Meridian Charity BBQ for Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop



A new tradition was started this Labor Day. Meridian community members banded together to organize a BBQ lunch to help raise funds for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts to help our friends and neighbors in Houston and South Texas coastal areas.

The Meridian HOA donated the meat to be smoked, grilled and prepared by our neighborhood pit bosses. Neighbors donated

plates, napkins, cutlery, sides, desserts and drinks. For a recommended donation of \$20/plate, a couple hundred Meridian neighbors came out to enjoy each other's company and feast on the gorgeous spread of authentic Texas BBQ. Together, we raised approximately \$5,000 to aid in relief efforts, which was donated in full to the Red Cross.

The BBQ picnic was so successful, there's talk of this becoming a neighborhood tradition: a community Labor Day BBQ benefiting rotating charities each year.





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Meridian Events 2017 Save The Dates

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

**Fall Community Wide Garage Sale:
Saturday, October 14 @ 8am-1pm**

Clean out those closets and host a garage sale at your home, this will be advertised on Craigslist and in the newspaper. If it rains there will be an alternate make-up date.

**Holiday Cookies and Caroling at the Pavilion:
Tuesday, December 19 @ 6-7:30pm**

Come and join your neighbors for cookies and music at the pavilion before you go out and view the Christmas lights in the neighborhood. Awards will be given to the top decorated house in each section.

*See NextDoor and the
Meridian Marquee for more details!*

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"Jacquelyn is the best Agent I've ever worked with. She worked her tail off to make our house look gorgeous. We had five offers within the first few days and it sold for \$25K over list!" - Sylvia M.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you! I haven't purchased a home in 30+ years. You have made this so easy and have been such a big help!" -Bonnie Y.

"We were so fortunate to have Jacquelyn recommended to us. We are so happy with her results!" - Edward L.

"Thank you, Jacquelyn! We really appreciated how you genuinely cared about us to get everything taken care of so well and quickly!" - Caitlin O.

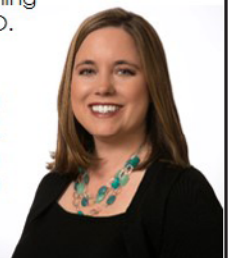
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Austin ISD 2017 Bond

**Early voting is Oct. 23-Nov. 3
and Election Day is Nov. 7.**

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

The Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a November 7, 2017 bond election for \$1,050,984,000, which would bring 21st century learning spaces to students without increasing our tax rate.

This bond is designed to modernize or construct 16 new campus facilities, some of which will be replacement schools. It is also planned to update campuses with capital improvement projects. Some key projects included in the bond proposition are:

- Districtwide improvements to technology for teachers and students and transportation,
- Improvements to address overcrowding and critical needs, and
- Reinvention programs for 21st century learning.

The AISD Board of Trustees approved a bond proposition informed by the Facility Master Plan, which serves as a high-level guideline for all district facilities over the next 25 years. This bond package is the culmination of almost two years of intensive work.

While addressing critical facility needs, it is equally important to use this opportunity to modernize facilities and reinvent the urban education experience for AISD.

*For more information about the Bond and to view
projects by campus, visit:
<https://www.austinisd.org/bond>*

We want your feedback!

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Come to an upcoming meeting.



8Th Annual Baldwin Fall Carnival

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

Thank you for attending the 8th Annual Baldwin PTA Carnival. This year, the carnival was held on Saturday, September 30th so we could extend the fun for one more hour!

Together, we raised funds for Baldwin PTA programs. These funds go to support our students and teachers through on-site field trips-like the traveling Science Circus and Planetarium, classroom equipment and books, flexible seating, gym and playground equipment, just to name a few. Thank you, to the Baldwin PTA volunteers who help make this event happen every year as well as our parents, students, staff and community for your generous support during a wonderful night of fun and fund raising.

Backpacks from Bobcats

**The Baldwin Community Gives Back
to Victims of Hurricane Harvey**

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop,
Baldwin PTA Board Member*

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, which devastated Houston and the surrounding areas, Baldwin families and community members wanted to help and “adopted” Robinson Elementary School in

Houston. The Baldwin community will be assisting them throughout the year as they recover from Hurricane Harvey. Already, we’ve collected nearly 150 backpacks filled with school supplies for their students.

Robinson is on the far East side of Houston and is 1 of 9 schools (out of a total of 306 HISD schools) that have such extensive damage that they will not be able to return to their campus, but will have to split into a middle school and elementary school. The demographic of

Robinson is 75% Hispanic, 24% African American, and 1% white. The majority of students are English Language Learners and almost 90% receive free and reduced lunch.

Not only the students, but the educators that have dedicated their lives to making a difference are in need of teaching materials. Want to help? You can order amazon gift cards online and send them directly to Robinson Elementary or drop them off at the Baldwin office marked for Robinson Elementary. Other gift cards that educators could use are Office Depot, Target, Walmart and Office Max. Need more information? Contact Baldwin’s counselor: Lindsay.Myrick@austinisd.org



Join Baldwin Elementary PTA

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Baldwin PTA Board Member

If you haven't already, Baldwin PTA is asking for Baldwin Families and Community members to join the PTA and make your support of our school official! You don't have to have a child at Baldwin to be a part of the PTA and share your voice.

Visit BaldwinPTA.org to join now! Single memberships are \$8.50 and Family memberships are \$15 and we need your support to help enrich our school programs. We are 100 members short of our goal to grow our PTA to 400+ members strong this year.

Mark your Calendars: 2017-2018 PTA Meetings

- Thursday, October 19 @ 6pm
- Thursday, January 18 @ 8am
- Thursday, February 15 @ 6pm
- Thursday, April 19 @ 8am
- Thursday, May 17 @ 6pm

Turn your Bedroom into a Sanctuary

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor @ AustinRealEstate.com

Since we spend about a third of our lives sleeping, we should place high importance on the look and feel of the master bedroom. Follow these tips to transform one of the most important rooms of your home into a relaxing sanctuary.

What to Bring In

- Neutral Colors -- Light, neutral hues like creams, taupes, grays and blues provide a tranquil atmosphere. Use soft, coordinating colors for your bedding and walls.

- Soft Lighting -- Overhead lighting can sometimes be harsh or too concentrated. Create a soothing mood with soft, balanced lighting throughout the room. Add lamps to brighten dark corners and illuminate each side of the bed.

- Window Treatments -- A sense of privacy is essential to any sanctuary. Window treatments offer coverage from the outside world and can be a beautiful design element. If outside lighting disrupts your sleep, consider blackout curtains.

What to Take Out

- Outdated Bedding -- A relaxing bedroom begins with a comfortable bed. Most experts recommend replacing your mattress every eight years. Pillows should be replaced every two to three years or every six months if you have asthma or allergies.

- Excess Furniture -- Get back to basics by paring down your bedroom to just the essentials. Most people require little more than a bed frame, a couple of matching nightstands and a dresser or chest of drawers. Anything more can quickly become clutter.

- Unnecessary Electronics -- From more sleep to better family relationships, there are numerous benefits of having a technology-free bedroom. Reserve your master bedroom for rest and relaxation, and keep electronics out.

Make over your master bedroom into a serene space you look forward to at the end of a long day. These tips can help you get started.

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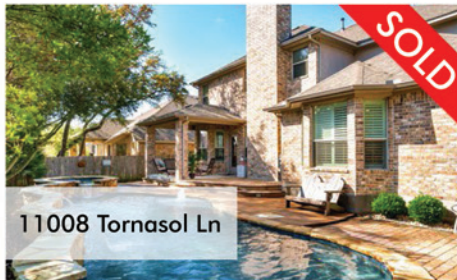
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