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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

On Tuesday, October 3rd, the Village at Western Oaks is being encouraged to join forces with thousands of communities statewide for the 34th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event.

NNO is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6 to 9 p.m. on October 3rd, residents in the Village at Western Oaks are being asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and po-lice. Many blocks throughout Austin and our HOA will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police, visits from the fire department, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and anticrime rallies.

NNO is a night for Texans to stand together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. NNO showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen in-volvement in our fight to build a safer Texas, a safer Austin, and a safer Village at Western Oaks.

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## WHAT'S RAISED HERE, STAYS HERE!

### 100% LOCAL

Alzheimer's Texas Walks are the only walk fundraisers where 100% of the funds you raise stays in Texas. Join us to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and related disorders, support families currently facing the disease, honor those we have lost, and support the mission of Alzheimer's Texas. The 26th annual Travis County Alzheimer's Texas Walk will take place Saturday, October 7th at Camp Mabry in Austin!

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## Teenage Job Seekers

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Doe, John.....	15.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	111-1111

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### ATTENTION TEENAGERS

The Teenage Job Seekers listing service is offered free of charge to all Village at Western Oak and Legend Oak teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to [VillageGazette@PEELinc.com](mailto:VillageGazette@PEELinc.com) by the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month!



## FLOODWATER MOSQUITOES

If you've been outside lately, you have most likely noticed the giant mosquitoes that seem to want to pick people up and carry them off. With recent weather conditions, floodwater mosquitoes have emerged in large numbers.

Floodwater mosquitoes lay their eggs above the water line in ponds, ditches, pastures, or other places where water collects. The eggs can remain in dry areas and when these areas are flooded the eggs hatch, leading to swarms of hungry mosquitoes. These mosquitoes are larger than mosquitoes we are used to and can swarm in high numbers.

While floodwater mosquitoes won't last forever, other mosquitoes called container breeding mosquitoes emerge when floodwaters begin to recede. Many of these species are ones that we are used to seeing around our homes.

Many things can help to reduce mosquito problems around the home. Eliminate all sources of standing water. Containers such as watering cans, buckets and bottles can turn into mosquito breeding grounds. Water should be drained from birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots and pet dishes at least once a week. Children's wading pools should be emptied of water at least once a week and stored so they cannot collect water when not in use. Tree holes should be filled in with

sand or mortar, or drained after each rain. Leaky faucets and pipes located outside should be repaired.

Areas that cannot be drained, such as ponds or large rain collection systems, can be stocked with mosquito fish that eat mosquito larvae. Dunks can also be used in these areas. Dunks are a small, donut-shaped product that contains *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israeliensis*. The donut disrupts the life cycle of the mosquito and is non-toxic to humans, amphibians and fish.

When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when activities cannot be rescheduled.

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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## KIKER ELEMENTARY -

LOVE YOUR SCHOOL, LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY



Each fall the Kiker PTA runs its Love Your School, hassle-free fundraising campaign. Through this effort the Kiker PTA raises more than 50 percent of the PTA funds used to support the children and teachers of Kiker Elementary School and to provide social and educational programming that builds community in support of our most precious resource – our children. This is only possible because of the generosity of the Kiker community. The Kiker community is not only the family members of our school children; it is also the members of the Circle C community.

This year the Kiker PTA Love Your School fundraising campaign runs from October 16 through October 27, 2017. You can learn more at [www.kikerelementary.org/love-your-school-fundraiser](http://www.kikerelementary.org/love-your-school-fundraiser). Great communities create and sustain great schools, and we are an exceptional community. Please help the Kiker PTA support its organizational mission to “make every child’s potential a reality”.

## S.W.I.N.G NETWORKING GROUP

Thursday, October 19

### LONG TERM CARE DISCUSSION

The Southwest Inclusive Networking Group will have a panel discussion addresses three areas of long term care needs. Caregiving, long term care facilities and paying for long term care.

Lynn Greenblatt, founder of the Caregiving Café, Kristina Frost, community outreach director of Legacy Oaks Assisted Living and Memory Care and Peter Berardino from Capital Strategies a member of the Mass Mutual Financial group and long term care specialist will lead the discussions.

We meet at Waterloo Ice House on Escarpment. The meeting is in the backroom, arrive by 8:15 a.m. and it ends at 9:30 a.m. No reservations are needed. There will be no cost to attend. Just come, have breakfast and participate in the discussion.

S.W.I.N.G. has 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 S.W.I.N.G.) at 512-695-2334 or [peterberardino@gmail.com](mailto:peterberardino@gmail.com).*



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## OCTOBER

*By Robert Frost*

O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all.  
The crows above the forest call;  
Tomorrow they may form and go.  
O hushed October morning mild,  
Begin the hours of this day slow.  
Make the day seem to us less brief.  
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,  
Beguile us in the way you know.  
Release one leaf at break of day;  
At noon release another leaf;  
One from our trees, one far away.  
Retard the sun with gentle mist;  
Enchant the land with amethyst.  
Slow, slow!  
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,  
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,  
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—  
For the grapes' sake along the wall.



## FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS

*By: Kenneth David Whiteley / Raffi Cavoukian*

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate  
First one said, "Oh my, it's getting late!"  
Second one said, "There are witches in the air"  
The third one said, "but we don't care!"  
The fourth one said, "let's run and run and run"  
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!"  
Ooo ooo went the wind, and out went the light  
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight







## INGREDIENTS:

3 3/4 cups flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
2 sticks unsalted butter, room temperature  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup dark brown sugar  
1 cup pumpkin puree  
1 large egg  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

## FOR THE COATING:

1/2 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
Dash of allspice

## DIRECTIONS:

- In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Whisk together to blend. In a large bowl, beat together butter and sugars on medium speed until well combined. Next, still on medium speed, beat in pumpkin.

Then, add the egg and vanilla extract. Lastly, add in the dry ingredients. Beat until combined, but do not over mix. Cover the dough, and refrigerate for one hour, until firm.

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Line baking sheets with parchment paper. In a small bowl, mix together the sugar and spices for the sugar coating. Scoop dough (approximately 2 1/2 tablespoons) and roll into a ball. Roll the dough ball in the sugar mixture, and place on the lined baking sheet, leaving about 2 inches between each cookie. Take a drinking glass with a flat bottom and moisten with water. Dip the glass in the sugar mixture, and use it to flatten the dough balls. Re-sugar the glass as needed.
- Bake the cookies for 10-12 minutes. Remove when the centers of the cookies have set. Let cool on the baking pan for approximately 5 minutes, and then transfer to wire to cool completely.

## TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING

*The spooky fun is upon us once again. There is a cool crisp breeze in the air. The rustling of trees, and ghost and goblins on the loose. Halloween is getting ready to fill the hearts of little and not so little folks. Here is a list of great tips to help keep you safe and happy during this Halloween season.*

### 1) Light up the night.

The dollar tree has glow in the dark bracelets, necklace, Wands, etc. Get some early in the month to have on hand for when it gets dark. Stick to bright colors, red, pink, oranges, and yellow's. They will be the ones that will stand out the most. Place them on your child costume for you to keep an eye on them as they go door-to-door. This also helps so cars can see them too.

### 2) The early Bird gets the candy.

When Dusk/ Sunsets hit gets an early start if you have little ones. Start out around your neighborhood first. That way you'll get the prime candy first, and they will most likely be home and willing to give you candy while it's still somewhat light out since they know you.

### 3) Take care of the little piggy's.

Wear comfy shoes because walking. Lots and lots of walking. Make sure all in your party have on comfy shoes as well. Even little kids. Assure them that nobody wants to walk around in shoes that can hurt their feet all night. If you have a headstrong child such as mine bring a pair of tennis shoes so when they start to whine you can swoop in and save the day.

### 4) Map it out.

Plan your route ahead of time. So, you know which streets you're heading to. This is all about this mindset. This is not a game people. There is free candy in them there hills.

### 5) Let there be light:

Grab a flashlight! Or use the one on your phone. The later it gets the darker the walkways and sidewalks will become. Plus, little ones who are new to trick or treating may be afraid of the dark.

### 6) Mask Off:

So, remember what it was like to sweat through that mask? I do. Cut your kid some slack. It's hard to see. It's hot. When you have walked for 5 mins and it feels like a sauna. Make sure to give your kiddos a break with the mask off. Maybe pop it on once you get to the door or just use non-toxic face paint.

### 7) Don't get tripped up:

Beware of a long costume, kids can easily trip and put a stop to all the fun. Make sure you have your child try on their costume and make sure it is the appropriate length.

### 8) One for you Two for me:

Check all your candy. I know of course I mean everyone knows to check your candy. This one is a given rule. Right? Our moms told us this every year. Don't forget while checking to take a few pieces out for you. I mean you deserve it happy trick-or-treating!



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