

MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

September Food Truck & Movie Night

Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor - AustinRealEstate.com

Thanks for coming to Meridian's last Food Truck Night of the year on Friday, September 22 from 5:30-8pm. This past month, Meridian residents were treated to a fun evening courtesy of HelloNabr events, the Meridian Social Committee and our neighborhood HOA. Rabbit Hole Brewing and Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor with AustinRealEstate.com provided a complimentary beer tasting, while live music played. Leo, from HelloNabr, provided limbo and hula contests, musical chairs, sidewalk art and a DJ dance party for the kids.

After the sun set, Meridian families were invited to stay for the "Moana" movie on the big outdoor screen under the stars. If you missed it, be sure to join us next spring when our Food Truck series continues. Special thanks to our sponsors and the Meridian's Social Committee volunteers who spend their valuable time planning these fun and exclusive events for our neighborhood.





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Cubs Conduct Carnival Clean-up

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

Baldwin's 8th annual Fall Carnival, was held on Saturday, September 30th and while most Bobcats enjoyed their Sunday Funday, Cub Scout Pack 12 did their "good turn" by conducting their annual Carnival Clean-up Service Project. The Scouts, their parents and even some siblings arrived on campus on October 1st to help clean up after all the carnival fun.

The Scouts picked up trash and other items left on campus after the event, but most importantly, armed with leaf blowers, push brooms and giant trash bags, they cleared out the confetti from 600+ dozen confetti eggs. These boys had their work cut out for them, and they worked hard and had the campus clean in under an hour-a record! This proves strength in numbers and how collaboration and pays off. Most importantly, the job was done with a smile. Baldwin's campus was, perhaps, left even more clean than before the Carnival took place. Good job, Scouts!

The Baldwin PTA would like to thank Meridian residents and other community members for your participation and continued support of this exciting event, and especially Cub Scout Pack 12 and their families for their continued clean-up efforts after the Fall Carnival. #Pack12Rocks

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"Jacquelyn took care of every detail of getting my house staged. We had 30 showings in less than 5 days and got three extremely competitive offers, and it sold for over asking price. --Timothy J.

"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.

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"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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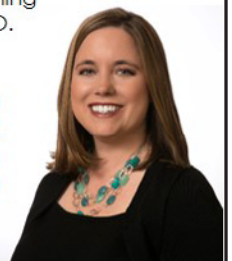
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8th Annual Baldwin Fall Carnival

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Baldwin PTA Board

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 \$20,000 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 sponsors, parents, students, staff and community for your generous support during a wonderful night of FUNdraising.



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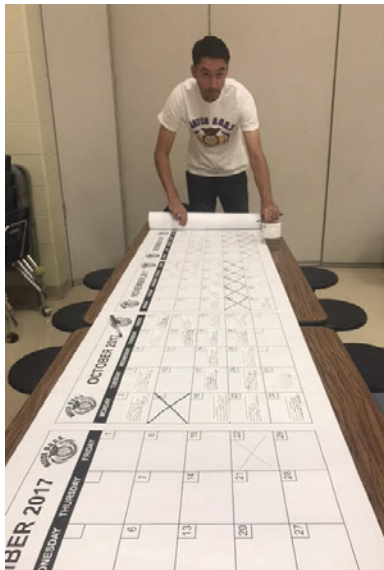
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Baldwin Watch D.O.G.S. Mentor Pizza Party

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop-Baldwin PTA Board

The Baldwin Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) leadership team held their first recruiting event for the 2017-2018 school year on Thursday, Sept 21st in the Baldwin cafeteria, a Father/Student pizza party. During the evening, Top D.O.G, David Mass, described the goals and priorities of the organization which is geared to get more adult male role models into schools, to further encourage student success. Baldwin adopted the national Watch D.O.G. program last year, and the community's adoption and support was outstanding! The organization's goal for the 2016-2017 year was to have a one Watch D.O.G. sign-up for a day of service at least one day each week, but our Baldwin Dads stepped up in full force, and we had a Watch D.O.G. on campus almost every day last spring!

During the September Pizza Party kick-off, Top D.O.G. David, asked the Dads in attendance for their participation and their continued commitment to the success of the program. Based on last year's success, the goal this year is to have a Watch D.O.G. on campus each day of this school year. The sign-up calendar is posted in the Baldwin office. Stop in to check open dates and secure your Watch D.O.G day, and gain your "Rock Star" status! For more information on the program visit www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/ or contact Top D.O.G. David Mass @ dmassimo10@gmail.com to get involved in Baldwin's program.



Do you need to wear sunscreen in fall and winter?

Submitted by: Aaron Williams, PharmD-Owner Brodie Lane Pharmacy

As the fall arrives and pumpkin spice lattes reappear, we tend to become less vigilant about sunscreen and skin safety. We all know that UV exposure is the cause of sunburns and skin damage, and the heat of the summer rays is a great reminder to cover up. But when we start to welcome those toasty autumn rays through the cooler fall air, we can no longer rely on heat as a cue to cover up.

So how can you protect yourself all year round?

- Make sunscreen part of the morning routine. Reapply every two hours and use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or more for best results if you plan to be outdoors most of the day.
 - Wear darker fabrics, and long sleeves. As the weather cools we naturally tend to cover more skin with heavier, darker clothing, which offers more protection against UV rays than lightweight fabrics in white and pastel colors.
 - Avoid sun exposure between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest.
 - Use skin care products with an SPF of 30 or higher. Many skin care and make-up products offer skin protection for uncovered areas of your body—namely your face and hands. Just be sure they have a SPF of 30 or more, and remember that they will need to be reapplied throughout the day as well.
 - If you have children, be sure to practice these healthy skin habits with them too, especially if they are outdoors for long periods of time playing sports or on the playground. And don't forget to reapply!
- Just because it's officially fall doesn't mean it's time to put the sunscreen away. Sun damage has long-term consequences so keep yourself and your loved ones protected. And, as an adult, don't forget to ask your doctor or dermatologist once a year to do a full-body skin check. If a mole on your skin doesn't look right, have it checked. Take care of yourself and your skin.

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

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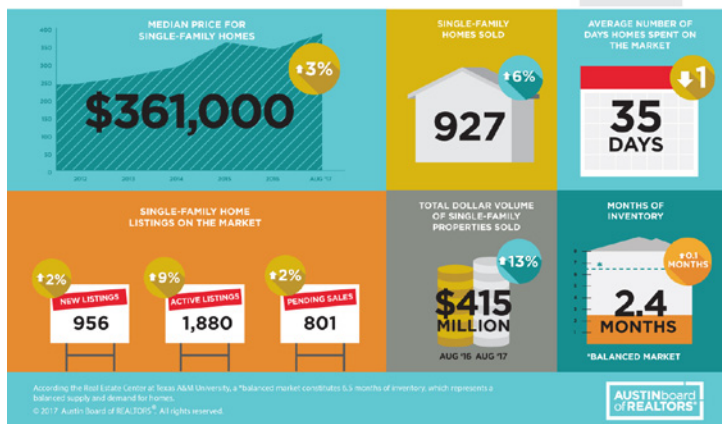
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The statistics below show an accurate picture of how the Austin-area housing market stands. These statistics are for single-family homes compared year-over-year. Visit ABOR.com/statsaug17 for the full press release and other area-specific infographics.

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Housing Market by the Numbers

Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor® - AustinRealEstate.com

Following are **August 2017** single-family housing market statistics in the Austin-Round Rock MSA:

- 2,994** – Single-family homes sold, 1.0 percent more than August 2016.
- \$300K** – Median price for single-family homes, 4.0 percent more than August 2016.
- 46** – Average days homes spent on the market, two days more than August 2016.
- 3,316** – New home listings on the market, 8.2 percent more than August 2016.
- 7,781** – Active home listings on the market, 16.1 percent more than August 2016.
- 2,710** – Pending sales for single-family homes, 8.1 percent more than August 2016.
- 3.1** – Months of inventory, 0.4 months more than August 2016.
- \$1,128,565,155** – Total sales dollar volume, 5.9 percent more than August 2016.

Save the Date: Meridian Social Events for 2017

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

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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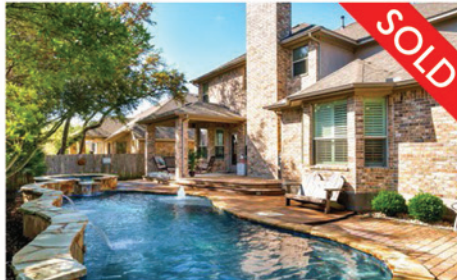
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